

Doctrines Shape Our Destiny

Note: Dr. James L. Sullivan, a Mississippian who has recently retired as president of the Sunday School board, has prepared a six-part series on Baptist polity for Baptist state papers. This is the first in the series, and the others will be published in the next several weeks, though perhaps not in succession. Dr. Sullivan is a graduate of Mississippi College and Southern Seminary. He has held pastorates in Kentucky, Mississippi, Tennessee, and Texas. He has written several books, the latest of which is *ROPE OF SAND*. He is a graduate of Tylertown High School and was ordained to the ministry by the Tylertown Baptist Church. His Mississippi pastorate was in Clinton.

By James L. Sullivan
Baptist doctrines are more important than most of us realize. They not only express our experiences and beliefs. They also determine our directions. They even shape our programs whether local or national. They are to the church essentially what the backbone is to the human body. They give unity and stability, they provide sturdiness enabling us to endure the bumps of opposition, even persecution.

Here we would stress the usually unnoticed results of Christian doctrines on our lives. The unseen effects can be often numerous and more profound than the obvious ones. We discuss and talk about the visible doctrines of the Christian faith in a direct, understandable way. But what most of us miss is that the indirect results of our beliefs are far more numerous. They may be even as important.

Let me illustrate.
When the first wood-burning railway locomotive puffed forth its dense smoke and got a few passengers and freight cars moving the crowds cheered. They looked on the birth of a new era, the

era of the American railroad. All they saw, however, was a little train moving forth pulling cargo and people. To them that was about all that happened that day, even though it was significant that what they saw was only a fragment of what actually happened.

What they did not see were the resultant influences of the railway movement on American life. For railways to span this continent, high finances had to be provided. Wall Street emerged as a method of doing it. Thus, high finances were born with the American railroad. Huge land developments came into being because rights of way had to be purchased. Cities had to be chartered. Counties had to be organized. That railway locomotive had to be serviced with water and wood periodically en route. Communications had to be developed so that engineers would know where other trains were before and after them. This brought the telegraph system into operation and, therefore, provided the means

by which messages by wire could be sent from ocean to ocean. Workers had to be protected, so labor unions came into being. Publishing houses were made imperative because of the number of tickets and freight forms demanded. Steel industries flourished because of the number of rails that had to be shipped. A number of locomotives had to be constructed. Steel freight cars and passenger cars had to be manufactured. Heavy equipment to carry freight had to be manufactured. Farmers received contracts for crossbills by the thousands. Dozens of other important movements emerged which have had a profound effect on American life. All of these things were born when that first little engine chugged forth with its black smoke moving America's first railway cars. Not many people saw all of these ramifications in that first little act, even though each was an integral of the new era just born.

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Miami Beach Hotels

Miami Beach hotels number in the hundreds and will adequately house the 16,000 messengers expected here June 10-12 for the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention. Theme: "Let Christ's Freedom Ring." (BP) Photo

Mississippi's Liberty Bell Replica To Emphasize Freedom Theme At SBC

MIAMI BEACH (BP) — The agenda for the 118th session of the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting, here June 10-12, will center around a theme of "Let Christ's Freedom Ring" and pay tribute to the 50th anniversary of the SBC's Cooperative Program unified budget.

Mississippi's replica of the Liberty Bell will be used in the program.

The agenda, released by committee on order of business chairman, Searcy S. Garrison, begins Tuesday morning and concludes Thursday night at the Miami Beach Convention Center. Garrison is executive secretary-treasurer of the Georgia Baptist Convention.

More than 16,000 persons from across the nation are expected to attend annual sessions of the nation's largest Protestant-evangelical denomination, which has more than 12.3 million members in 30 states. A record 18,190 "messengers" registered last year in Dallas.

Program Personnel

Featured program personnel will include Jerry Clower, a comedian and Grand Ole Opry star from Yazoo City, Miss., who will address the convention on Thursday morning; Singer Anita Bryant of Miami; SBC President Jaroy

Weber, pastor of First Church, Lubbock, Tex., who will deliver the presidential address; Jimmy R. Allen, pastor of First Church, San Antonio, Tex., who will preach the convention sermon; and W. A. Criswell, a former SBC president and pastor of First Church, Dallas, Tex., who will speak on "Winning America through the Church."

Eight spots have been reserved

on the program for theme interpretation, including an opening presentation on Tuesday morning by the Home and Foreign Mission Boards and Historical Commission.

Speakers scheduled to interpret the theme are Angel Martinez, evangelist, Fort Smith, Ark.; James T. Draper, associate pastor, First Church, Dallas; Duke K.

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Weber:

Urges Renewed SBC Commitment

By John Rutledge
LUBBOCK, Tex. (BP) — The driver of the limousine from the Lubbock airport talked about politics, the weather and First Baptist Church.

"It's so big they have to have more than one worship service," he said over his shoulder.

"We have seven cabs going out to the college on Sunday for students who don't have a way to get to the church. They just sign a card and the church picks up the tab." He drove in silence for a while. "You know, they get more than \$10,000 in their Sunday School offering. It's a big church."

No, the driver was not a member, he said. Not even a Baptist. Two of the passengers were on their way to the church. The third was a young man going to visit a friend at Texas Tech, and obviously intrigued at the way the conversation had taken a religious turn.

"They take God seriously here, don't they?" he said.

Jaroy Weber, pastor of First church in Lubbock and completing a year as president of the South-

ern Baptist Convention, confirmed the man's observation later in an interview.

Conservative Area

"This is basically a conservative area. You don't see the campus extremes that you do at other schools. This conservative spirit expresses itself in religious commitment."

He was elected president three months after becoming pastor of the Lubbock church about a year ago. The dual responsibilities as pastor and president have stretched him.

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Baptist Hospital Will Observe National Week

National Hospital Week May 11-17 will be observed at Mississippi Baptist Hospital with a series of "appreciation" events, according to hospital administrator Paul J. Pryor.

Friends of the hospital will be asked to loan photographs of the hospital and of other Jackson scenes taken around the turn of the century.

"Photographs like this are hard to find," said Pryor, "but we would like to exhibit copies of these photographs later this year, when we open our new hospital."

Mississippi Baptist Hospital began operation in 1911 in its present location. A new building is under construction across the street and is scheduled for occupancy this fall.

National Hospital Week begins on May 11. Since that is "Mother's Day," Mississippi Baptist Hospital will present corsages on that day to all new mothers in the hospital.

A tea on May 12 will honor all students in the various educational programs sponsored by the hospital.

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President Uses Baptist Facilities

NEW ORLEANS (BP) — When President Gerald Ford paid a visit here to speak at the dedication of the F. Edward Herbert Library, he used Baptist facilities for his staff.

The entire building of the Baptist Association of Greater New Orleans, the nearest available structure to the library honoring the U.S. congressman, was used as a command post by the White House staff with two direct lines to the White House.

While the White House staff used the conference room for their command post the Secret Service set up communications facilities in the kitchen.

Electricity for dedication ceremonies was channeled through Baptist Center lines.

Mercer Irwin, executive secretary of the New Orleans Association, and his associate, Nolan Johnston, and their wives were given special seating in the VIP section at dedication ceremonies.

The Baptist center is owned by the New Orleans Association and houses Baptist student and associational offices. Some financial support is given by the Louisiana Baptist Convention.

President Ford, in addition to participating in library ceremonies, was in Louisiana to attend off-shore oil drilling operations.

Criswell Hits Tongues; Pentecostals Object

By Helen Farnley
DALLAS (BP) — W. A. Criswell, pastor of First Baptist Church here, has set off a furore among Pentecostals with his recent explosive lambast against glossolalia, the practice of speaking in tongues.

"Throughout Christian history, wherever this phenomenon has arisen, it has been looked on as an aberration and a heresy," declared the 65-year-old shepherd of the 18,000-member church, largest congregation in the Southern Baptist Convention.

The remarks of the former Southern Baptist Convention president to an evangelism conference of Baptist pastors at First Baptist Church, sponsored by the Dallas Baptist Association, were challenged by United Pentecostal leaders who, in advertisements in the Dallas Morning News and Dallas Times Herald, have demanded a public apology or discussion.

The advertisement refers to Criswell's much publicized debate with atheist Madelyn Murray O'Hair by noting: "Why will he have a public discussion with an atheist and refuse to have a public discussion with a Bible scholar?"

Apparently Criswell will neither apologize nor debate, but rather stand on his earlier statements which were mostly taken from his book "The Holy Spirit in Today's World" (Zondervan).

Divisive and Hurtful

In his talk on the Holy Spirit, Criswell was critical of the charismatic movement which has crept into mainline denominations and referred to its practices, particularly tongue speaking, as divisive and hurtful. He said he is not against classical Pentecostalism

but merely the divisiveness caused by tongues.

Any discussion, debate or talk about tongue-speaking usually centers on the scripture of I Corinthians, chapter 14, where the apostle Paul mentions the phenomenon several times. But, as in most cases of proof testing the Bible the reader finds the passages validating his position.

In their public challenge, the Pentecostals pointed first to verse 5, "I would that ye all spoke with tongues..."

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Evangelist Arthur Blessitt Enters Presidential Race

NEW YORK (RNS) — Evangelist Arthur Blessitt is entering Democratic presidential primaries in Florida and New Hampshire.

The Miami-based Baptist preacher sees his candidacy as a way of urging the people to confront all political aspirants with spiritual questions.

Mr. Blessitt, a native of Mississippi, rose to prominence as an evangelist in southern California's youth culture in the 1960s. He later gained international attention by pushing a 90-foot cross from the East Coast to the West Coast, and then throughout much of the world.

"I feel the country is right for the message of Christ at this time, and we might be able to help direct the way the (1976) election

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Children's Village Makes Annual Offering Appeal

Christian Home Week, the eight-day period which ends with Mother's Day, May 11, is the week sanctioned by and suggested to Mississippi Baptists for special emphasis upon the mission work of the Convention's official Child Care Agency, The Baptist Children's Village.

In commenting upon the impact which Christianity, professed and lived, has upon the home and family and the contribution which the traditional Baptist

observance of Christian Home Week lends to that impact, the administration at the Village has announced its annual appeal for general budget support by Baptist Churches of the state.

The announcement solicits public prayer and expressions of support for Village ministries in each Mississippi Baptist church and requests a worthy cash offering, designated for The Baptist Children's Village on Mother's Day. The Baptist Children's Village

has its headquarters in Hinds County, near Jackson, on Flag Chapel Drive, where its principal campus - installation is situated, housing the majority of the boys and girls who live in the custodial care of the agency and who are dependent upon it for all of their needs.

Village facilities and services also include the operation of a group care or "satellite" home in New Albany, Miss.; an organization

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what the same way. The residual effects may be more detailed in results and ramifications than the direct ones. We declare our faith. This is important. The things that follow our declarations can be just as important and almost without number as the results are multiplied. Each action brings results on a broader base.

Think in terms of our Baptist doctrine concerning the priesthood of the believer. This not only leads us to contend for freedom of worship for every citizen of America but leads us to crusade for the same freedom through our world organization for fellow believers in other lands who are denied the right to worship, that which we take for granted.

This doctrine affects our attitude toward each individual as we recognize that he is made in the image of God for a divine mission and a holy purpose. We are not to discredit any life, downgrade any person or take unfair advantage of anyone made by God in his image for a divine mission.

This affects the seriousness with which we carry on our evangelistic and missionary programs. It makes it mandatory that we care for sick persons in hospitals and orphaned children through special ministries for the aged with special provisions. They are all important believers in the God who has made them just as he has made us.

This doctrine leads us to our concept of the importance of education and the necessity for educational materials to be put in the hands of all people everywhere in an effort to get them to understand the Word of God and its meaning to each individual.

It even affects the size of classes in which we carry on our educational programs. We ad-

vocate small classes where the individual is not lost and where his personal needs can be known by each individual member of that particular study group.

On and on the ramifications of this doctrine of the priesthood of the believer continue to be seen and felt. This belief affects us at dozens of other points.

This same principle holds with our attitude toward the Bible. It leads us not only in our attitudes toward a book and its message but the importance of its instructions. It makes us hesitant to accept a creed to take the place of the Bible and the necessity for daily study in depth of its meaning that we might apply its truths constantly.

We could take each doctrine of the faith and discuss the result and ramifications of that doctrine upon our acts, deeds, programs, and activities. We would be amazed at how they are intermeshed. Out of all of it comes unity and a pattern for living which makes victorious accomplishments possible in lives that are dedicated to the God of worship.

Doctrines are of the utmost

important whether they are oral or written. They systematize our expressions of faith. They express our experiences in written understandable form. They proclaim to others our Christian testimony. They constitute a framework in which we carry on our daily activities.

The church which neglects to teach doctrine weakens its membership, works against its unity, invites instability in its fellowship, lessens conviction among its members and stalemates its future progress. It is impossible for us to exaggerate the importance of doctrine. This truth needs to be stressed constantly before every believer.

While America is celebrating its 200th anniversary and the nation is thinking in terms of history, we have an excellent opportunity as Baptists to stress our own heritage and the contribution our Baptist people have made in the shaping of this land. It is an excellent time to proclaim our doctrines, clarify the meanings of our Christian faith, give firm guidance to our children in the paths of righteousness and try to build stability in these unstable times.



Gene Autry On 'Country Crossroads'

Gene Autry (left), the star of numerous western movies before his retirement, will be featured on an up-coming segment of "Country Crossroads" in May. Autry was interviewed in Fort Worth by Bill Mack (right) one of the show's co-hosts. "Country Crossroads" is produced by Jim Rupe (center) for the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission and is aired weekly on more than 532 radio stations in the United States.

Liberty Bell To Emphasize Freedom

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McCall, president of Southern Seminary, Louisville; James Schneider, pastor, Pleasant Valley Church, Groton, Conn.; Richard A. Johnson, pastor, North Phoenix Church, Phoenix, Ariz.; William L. Self, pastor, Wileuca Road Church, Atlanta, Ga.; and Verlin C. Kruschwitz, pastor, Severns Valley Church, Elizabethtown, Ky.

A committee named in Dallas last year to study the Executive Committee and consider a name change for the denomination will report on Thursday evening. Chauncey R. Daley, editor of the Western Recorder, news publication of Kentucky Baptists, chairs the committee.

Miscellaneous Business

About six hours has been set aside for such business as election of officers, the report of the SBC Executive Committee, miscellaneous business, committee reports and reporting, receiving and acting on resolutions. Additional time is allotted for reports of SBC agencies.

Observance of the Cooperative Program's 50th anniversary will come in a Tuesday evening emphasis, including presentation of a torch carried across country by Royal Ambassador boys.

The boys, members of missions education chapters in SBC churches for boys in grades one through 12, will run the lit torch in relays from Memphis, site of the establishment of the Cooperative Program in 1925, to Miami Beach.

For the fourth consecutive year, William J. Reynolds, secretary of the church music department at the Sunday School Board, will direct convention music. Assistant music director will be Paul Bobbitt, church music secretary for the Florida Baptist Convention.

Besides Anita Bryant, other special music includes the Florida Baptist Singing Men, directed by Bobbitt; Nettie Beth Weber of Lubbock, Tex.; the Missouri Music Men, Bob Wooley, director; massed choirs of Miami Baptist churches; Stetson University's choir, Robert Rich, director; Lanny Allen, minister of music, First Church, San Antonio, Tex.; the United Bahamas Choir, Nassau; Mrs. Anne Criswell Jackson, Dallas, Tex.; the New Directions, Jack Day, Miami, director; and Russell Newport, Springfield, Mo.

Although this will be the 118th annual session of the convention, the Southern Baptist Convention is in its 130th year, having been established in 1845.

in tongues. She's not to do it," he said.

Then, he added an observation: "You stop the women from speaking in tongues, and the practice will absolutely disappear from the earth. The tongues movement is a woman movement. And when she's taken out of it, it perishes on the vine."

"Wherever you see it (tongues)," Criswell added, "you just remember it will be divisive, heretical and hurtful. The outside world will look upon us as a strange people. It brings disgrace and dishonor to the name of the Lord. I could not conceive of my Lord speaking in an unknown tongue."

The Dallas Baptist Association has been involved in a controversy on the charismatic movement. At their annual meeting last year, the association resoundingly approved a resolution urging charismatic churches to either straighten up doctrinally or "voluntarily withdraw" from the association.

Helen Pamley is religion editor of the Dallas Morning News.

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But Criswell completed the passage, "...but rather that ye prophesied; for greater is he that prophesieth (speak out for the Lord) than he that speaketh with tongues."

Also cited by the Pentecostals is verse 18, "I thank God I speak with tongues more than ye all," which Criswell points out is followed by verse 19, "Yet in the church I had rather speak five

words with my understanding, that by my voice, I might teach others also, than ten thousand words in an unknown tongue."

The classic Pentecostals, as well as contemporary charismatics, claim Paul, in his letter to the church at Corinth, recorded his approval of and participation in tongue speaking. They also say he laid out explicit instructions on how the spiritual gift is to be used.

John L. Sherrill, author of the book "They Speak with Other

Tongues," wrote: "Paul saw clearly the dangers in undisciplined use of tongues. The gifts of the spirit were given to 'build up the church' and not for the private use of individuals," Sherrill said.

But Criswell, who recently completed a two year study of the Holy Spirit, claims, "The basic doctrine of tongue speaking is unscriptural and wrong."

He quoted Scripture to say the word "tongues" in the Bible usually meant an understood language. The purpose of tongues, he said, was a means for the Jews to bring the message of salvation to people of other languages.

A fiery, fundamentalist preacher who believes in the inerrancy of the Scriptures, he stressed the importance of hermeneutics, the "science of interpreting text" with context, to understand any scripture.

"The part must be explained by the whole," he said, and gave an example of how the Church of Christ has taken an isolated verse support their case for salvation through baptism. The section also contains the statement by Jesus that "In my name... they shall speak with new tongues."

"The ending of Mark," he said, "is lost from the beginning," a statement with which Pentecostals agree. "Nobody knows how Mark ended his gospel. It ended at the eighth verse of the 16th chapter and from there on somebody wrote another ending, and somebody else wrote another ending," Criswell said.

Blessitt Enters Presidential Race

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goes," he said in an interview here.

Mr. Blessitt was on his way to establish headquarters in Concord, N. H. after spending five months walking through Florida. He made a public announcement of his political plans in Washington, D. C., in mid-April.

The 34-year-old evangelist said that while he is a serious candidate he is realistic about politics. If elected, he stated in Washington, "I'd lead the nation as Jesus Christ led His life. That would be revolutionary."

Mr. Blessitt and a group of colleagues attempted in the 1972 election to raise questions about the spirituality of candidates. The approach was not as successful as he had hoped.

As a candidate himself, he predicted, "They won't be able to ignore the issues we raised as they did in 1972."

Mr. Blessitt said that his contacts with average Americans in Florida cause him to believe the nation is "open to the Gospel of Christ."

Adults, he added, are now in a crisis not unlike that faced by youths in the 1960s. "The gods are slipping," he said. "Not even the god of Social Security seems secure."

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast — About 300 people were present for the dedication of the new building of the Koumassi Baptist Church recently. Abidjan's Koumassi district has a population of about 75,000 people.

Applying this law (of hermeneutics) Criswell said the tongue situation is an isolated incident not dealt with by Paul in any other of his 13 epistles. Nor, he added, is it mentioned in Revelation.

Problem Only in Corinth

In I Corinthians 14:39, Paul wrote: Forbid them not to speak in tongues," said the pastor. "If that refers to churches other than in Corinth, isn't it strange he never mentions it to the churches in Rome, Philippi, Galatia, and Ephesus? Does he mean not to forbid just in one place? It was a problem only in Corinth and that is why the discussion."

Criswell said that while charismatic insist the necessary evidence of the filling of the Spirit is tongue speaking, no man in the Old Testament spoke in an unknown tongue.

"Our Blessed Lord, filled with the Spirit, never spoke in an unknown tongue," declared the pastor, "and, in 2,000 years of Christian history, those saints named never spoke in unknown languages."

The United Pentecostal advertisement, disputed his claim, citing the Apostle Paul.

Criswell continued: "God is not an author of confusion, nor does he deliver an uncertain message. Yet they (the Pentecostals) stand up and avow if you haven't spoke in tongues you are a second-class Christian. If I ever saw a doctrine filled with parenthetical pride, that is it."

"They think I am naive and they think they can fool me into thinking that gibberish is a language," he said. "If that is the Christian faith, then I am not a Christian."

Criswell characterized the charismatic movement as a "woman's movement," a comment which has drawn criticism from women ministers in Dallas.

Instructions on Dress

He said the seeming contradiction between I Corinthians 11, where Paul gives instructions on how a woman should dress when praying or prophesying in public, and I Corinthians 13:34, where women are told to "keep silent in the church," is resolved by interpreting the verses in context.

"Either Paul has lost his marbles, or there is something there I need to know. These verses are imbedded in a chapter in speaking



Rice For Refugees

LONG HAI, South Vietnam—Refugees in the city of Long Hai, South Vietnam, gather around a truck to receive rice distributed by Southern Baptist missionaries, before the missionaries evacuated South Vietnam. Vietnamese Baptists have organized a Capitol Association which is maintaining refugee centers and continuing to administer relief. (RNS Photo)

Renewed Commitment

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ed him to the limit but have not strained his relationship with this congregation.

When Weber accepted the presidency last year, he promised his church he would be in the pulpit every Sunday and most Wednesday nights. He has kept his word, but it has meant late night flights back to Lubbock from speaking engagements and missing hours of sleep.

"You have to fight for time," Weber said, "during the flight or in a motel room, for study and sleep. I've been pressing it at both ends, but I'm in good health."

For a man with both feet on the ground doctrinally, Weber has been up in the air much of his time. By June 9 he will have flown 101,388 miles during the year, with the longest trip to Lausanne, Switzerland; the shortest to Littlefield, Tex.

Despite Weber's double life, the church has grown. More than 800 joined the church during the first year and 207, the largest number in the church's history, have been baptized thus far this year, out of a goal of 300.

Had Weber not made the effort to be in the pulpit, the results might have been different. "That's been the difference in whether the church just sits here and marks time or moves forward," said Weber, whose new book, Winning America to Christ, is to be released in May.

He also credited his staff and laypeople. "They said they would take up the slack as much as they could."

Wholesome Attitude

"The secret of my ability to adapt is that I know the attitude of the church is so wholesome. If there were rumblings, it would be tough," he said.

After a year of listening as well as speaking to a cross section of Southern Baptists, Weber said he has learned to appreciate the denomination and its work more than ever.

"It is the missions element that brought us together in the first place and it is the cement that keeps us together."

Greater Compassion

He said he hopes people will leave the SBC's annual meeting in Miami Beach in June with a

greater compassion for the spiritual and physical needs of the world. "World conditions are so serious that we can't debate insignificant issues," he said.

"Some of last year's issues have been resolved," he said. "The restructuring of the division of evangelism in the Home Mission Board has been accomplished, and the general opinion on a name change for the convention has been reflected to the committee of seven" (which will recommend no change be considered at this time).

An issue that Weber hopes will not come up at the convention is the charismatic movement. He said he has been so misquoted and misunderstood on that subject that now he has a typed statement he sends persons wanting his opinion.

"The good thing that came out of the movement was that it made Baptists study the word of God about spiritual gifts, and preach it and teach it."

He reiterated his statement that the convention has enough elasticity for people who differ on teachings about spiritual gifts: "I doubt that the Home or Foreign Mission Board would appoint the one who taught that the baptism in the Holy Spirit, as interpreted by charismatic tongue-speaking groups, is a valid experience. There have been some problems that the Foreign Mission Board had to deal with."

During Weber's first year as president, convention baptisms dropped for the first time in several years. He said one reason for the drop is that the newness has worn off the bus ministry and Witness Involvement Now programs.

Renewed Commitment

"We need to make a renewed commitment to these two and other methods," he said. "We will see renewed emphasis from the convention that will help Baptists. The best way to win people to Christ is to build great churches, he said, and many are being built around the country."

"They are staying with the basics with this commitment," he said, as well as being "innovative enough to make the gospel attractive to modern man."



This Is Possible Because Of The Cooperative Program

In December, 1974, a two-day camp was held for the Bible Correspondence School students who had completed the Bible course. This means that they had completed 65 Bible lessons and received a New Testament and a complete Bible. The camp was led by Mr. Joseph Elias, a converted Muslim, and Ashish Adhikary, his co-leader. During this meeting missionary, students, and national Christians ate, sang, studied, prayed, and slept together.

Thirty-eight students were registered at the camp. At one service, ten young men gave their hearts to Jesus. Praise the Lord! It can happen in Noakhali District, the most conservative Muslim District in Bangladesh.

This was the first camp to be held for Bible Correspondence School students from Noakhali District.

The year 1974 was a year of great floods in Bangladesh. Much rice was destroyed. In October, 1974, a vegetable garden program was started. The village leaders made a list of the poorest families in the village. Thirty-five families were listed. Baptist Mission is renting the land, providing seed and fertilizer, and paying the laborers a small amount. The garden consists of two acres of sweet corn, Irish potatoes, broccoli, cabbage, tomatoes, egg plant, and Chinese cabbage. As the produce comes it will be divided among the 35 families. Many of these vegetables are new to the Bengali people.

It is possible through the Cooperative Program to provide spiritual and physical food for the Bengali people.

Dhonobad (thank you).
James Edward Young
Bangladesh

Astronaut James B. Irwin called walking on the moon a great thrill but "a greater thrill is being on earth and sharing the message of what God and Jesus can do in your life." "Everything man discovers strengthens my belief in God," Irwin told John Stevens, television producer for the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission. "I think that if we have further space travel this, too, will prove rather than dispel a belief in God."

Wycliffe Bible Translators Have Job Openings For Christian Teachers

Wycliffe Bible Translators has job openings for Christian teachers in their schools for missionary children around the world. Wycliffe offers career opportunities with a real difference for interested teachers. Small class size, interested, highly motivated students, a praying Christian faculty to work with, all part of the team committed to taking God's Word in the mother tongue to each group on earth without it.

Wycliffe also offers short-term opportunities for educators. For more information write Wycliffe Information Service, Huntington Beach, California 92648, or call the Superintendent for Children's Education, Office: (714) 536-9346; Home (714) 962-9565.

Suggested Order Of Business: Southern Baptist Convention

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3:05 Radio and Television Commission Report
3:05 Southern Baptist Convention Seminaries Report—W. Randall Lolley, President, Southeastern Seminary, Wake Forest, N.C.
3:45 Congregational Singing
3:50 Executive Committee Report (final section)
4:05 Introduction of Resolutions
4:15 Election of Officers
4:25 Miscellaneous Business
4:35 Benediction—Padgett C. Cope, Indiana
Tuesday Evening, June 10
6:45 Music for Inspiration—Massed Choirs from Miami Churches
Paul Bobbitt, director
7:00 Congregational Singing
7:05 "Let Christ's Freedom Ring through Denominational Involvement"—Duke K. McCall, president, Southern Seminary, Louisville
7:20 Cooperative Program Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration
Presentation of Torch from Memphis—Stewardship Commission, Brotherhood Commission
Commitment of State Conventions
8:30 Congregational Singing
Special Music
8:40 Report of Committee Named to Study Executive Committee Function and Change in Name of Convention
9:30 Miscellaneous Business
9:45 Benediction—W. Ches Smith, III, Georgia
Wednesday Morning, June 11
9:15 Music for Inspiration—Stetson University Choir, Robert Rich, director
9:30 Congregational Singing
9:35 "Let Christ's Freedom Ring through Personal Evangelism"—James Schneider, pastor, Pleasant Valley Baptist Church, Groton, Connecticut
9:50 Election of Officers
10:00 Committee on Resolutions (first report)
10:30 Committee on Committees Report
Committee on Boards Report

10:35 Stewardship Commission Report
10:45 Christian Life Commission Report
10:55 Congregational Singing
11:00 Special Music—Lanny Allen, minister of music, First Church, San Antonio, Texas
11:05 Convention Sermon—Jimmy R. Allen, pastor, First Church, San Antonio, Texas
11:40 Miscellaneous Business
(Consideration of constitutional changes and other matters)
Election of Officers
12:30 Benediction—J. Thurmond George, California
(No afternoon session)
Wednesday Evening, June 11
6:45 Music for Inspiration—United Bahamas Choir, Nassau
7:00 Congregational Singing
7:05 "Let Christ's Freedom Ring through Church Outreach"—Richard A. Jackson, pastor, North Phoenix Church, Phoenix, Arizona
7:20 Special Committee on Baptist State Papers
7:30 "Winning America to Christ"—Brotherhood Commission
7:50 Congregational Singing
7:55 "What Boards Intend To Do to Win America to Christ"—Home Mission Board
8:55 Special Music—Anita Bryant, Miami, Florida
9:15 Benediction—Alton H. McEachern, North Carolina
Thursday Morning, June 12
9:15 Music for Inspiration—United Bahamas Choir
9:30 Congregational Singing
9:35 "Let Christ's Freedom Ring through Community Involvement"—William L. Self, pastor, Wieuca Road Church, Atlanta, Ga.
9:50 Sunday School Board Report
10:40 Committee on Resolutions Report (final)
10:55 Denominational Calendar Report
11:00 Annuity Board Report
11:15 Miscellaneous Business
11:30 Congregational Singing
11:35 Message—Jerry Clower, Yazoo City
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12:00 Benediction—Henry D. Johns, Kentucky

Thursday Afternoon, June 12
2:15 Music for Inspiration—Evangelistic Singers Concert
2:30 Congregational Singing
2:35 "Let Christ's Freedom Ring through Mission Action and Giving"—Verlin C. Kruschwitz, pastor, Severns Valley Church, Elizabethtown, Ky.
2:50 Historical Commission Report
3:00 Southern Baptist Foundation Report
3:10 Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs Report
3:20 American Bible Society
3:30 Congregational Singing
3:35 Special Music—Mrs. Anne Criswell Jackson, Dallas
3:40 "Winning American through the Church"—W. A. Criswell, pastor, First Church, Dallas
4:10 Baptist World Alliance
4:20 Committee on American Baptist Theological Seminary
4:25 Education Commission Report
4:30 Benediction—Robert L. Bateman, Ohio
Thursday Evening, June 12
6:45 Music for Inspiration—The New Directions, Jack Day, Miami, director
7:00 Congregational Singing
7:05 "Let Christ's Freedom Ring through Mass Evangelism"—Angel Martinez, evangelist, Fort Smith
7:20 Special Music—Russell Newport, Springfield, Mo.
7:40 Woman's Missionary Union Report
8:00 Congregational Singing
8:05 Worldwide Thrust, "Let the Fire Fall"—Foreign Mission Board
9:05 Presentation of Officers
9:15 Benediction—Henry A. Parker, Florida
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Jaroy Weber, president, pastor, First Church, Lubbock, Texas
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Opportunities are provided at Camp Garaywa for training of WMU leaders and members and for summer camping experiences for GAs and Acteens.



At the WMU Convention recently, Mrs. Robert Smira, Mississippi WMU President, presented a check for \$400 to Rev. and Mrs. Paul Vandercook, recently appointed missionaries to the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

Village Makes Annual Offering Appeal

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ed system of Village-supervised foster homes in every area of the state; and a professionally-staffed ministry of advice, counsel, and treatment to families and their children with emotional and psychological problems.

The occupation of a branch campus of the Children's Village in Tate County near Independence in new facilities being constructed by Farrow Manor, Inc., has been announced for mid-summer 1975. During calendar year 1974, 325 different neglected and dependent children were admitted to the legal custody of Village authority and received residential and custodial care.

Paul N. Nunnery, superintendent and principal administrative officer of Village ministries has reported the results of evaluations by two different child care organizations in which the village maintains membership. Both reports indicate that the Mississippi Baptist child care agency is rated substantially above average in every area of its work by professionally trained consultants who regularly visit the Mississippi facilities in an advisory and critical capacity and who represent both Southern Baptist and non-denominational child care groups. According to Mr. Nunnery, the Village staff and ministry is rated superior in four of the most important and critical areas of its work.

The Mother's Day offering represents the only appeal and solicitation which the Children's Village may address to organize Baptist churches for designated cash support, and published Village financial records reveal that the agency is dependent upon designated giving for more than 70 percent of its budget support. An allocation of funds from Cooper-

ative Program resources is expected to supply between 20 percent and 25 percent of Village needs, Mr. Nunnery has said.

"Our children and staff wish to join me in acknowledging and expressing appreciation to Baptists and friends of children in our state for the manifestations of interest, friendship, and confidence which have characterized the generous pattern of giving to our mission efforts, particularly during the past five years," Mr. Nunnery stated. "We have literally felt the warmth of God's loving smile because Baptists, who are friends of God, are also our friends; and we are humbly grateful."

"We would also have you know that we are conscious of economic handicaps, structured by the combined afflictions of inflation and recession, presented to every Mississippi home and church; for large Village 'family' is confronted with these same difficulties daily and on a mounting scale," Mr. Nunnery continued, "and we pledge to you our best and continuing effort to curtail and control every operating expense which is subject to our control. However, we would, in 1975, commend to Baptist Congregations the spiraling, spiritual, moral, emotional, and social needs of the older and more disturbed Mississippi youth who is also neglected and whom we seek to serve. At the same time, we invite your attention to another opportunity to broaden and extend our Christian ministry, through increased plant capacity and a new ruraly-oriented resource and dimension, as we occupy our branch campus at Farrow Manor. Our children need you this Mother's Day, and I know we can rely upon you."

Mississippi WMU Special Day Is May 5

By Barbara Taylor

Baptist Women, Baptist Young Women, and Acteens in Mississippi will observe WMU Special Day on May 5.

This "special day" of prayer and offering is held each year in Mississippi to emphasize needs that are of special interest to women and girls in the state.

The offering goal for the Edwina Robinson WMU Special Day Offering, named in honor of Miss Edwina Robinson, former WMU Executive Secretary, is \$33,000. The allocations from the Special Day Offering include the International Student Conference, held each year at Camp Garaywa; Scholarship aid for Mississippi Seminary students who are missions volunteers; and Margaret Fund love gifts.

One missionary kid responded to the Margaret Fund love gift this way: "I am an American citizen, but I have lived most of my life outside the United States. I am an MK—Missionary Kid. I am studying in one of the colleges in Mississippi. I have relatives in this country, but I am a long way from my family. There are 28 MKs in Mississippi this year. We all need a helping hand from time to time. We want to know that someone cares for us. Each year, just before Christmas, we receive assurance that Baptist women in Mississippi remember and care for us. That is the time of the Margaret Fund love gift. Whatever need the gift meets, it says to me, and to other MKs that Mississippi Baptist women remember us."

Other items included in the allocations are Northern Plains Baptist Convention and Mississippi missionary appointees.

Woman's Missionary Union expresses her love and support of Mississippi missionary appointees in many ways, but one is that a check is sent to each Mississippian who is appointed by either the Home or Foreign Mission Board as a tangible expression of love and concern. A recent appointee said, "These are emotional days for us. Amid all the joy and excitement of a new adventure comes the realization that in

a short time we must say farewell to our families, our friends, and our beloved Mississippi. We must sell our house and most of our furniture; other supplies will be needed in our new home.

"In the midst of the stress a check comes from the Woman's Missionary Union of Mississippi. Like the prayers and good wishes of thousands of Mississippi women, the gift renews and challenges our spirits. You build a bridge of love to me and other missionary appointees."

Aged Ministers and widows are helped through WMU Special Day offerings each year. A check from Mississippi WMU is sent to each one at Easter, Thanksgiving and on his or her birthday. One recipient expressed her gratitude by writing, "Sometimes I wonder if anyone remembers the years of work and love my husband and I gave to Mississippi churches. But in the times of wondering and doubt, the Lord continues to provide for my needs. Many times my needs are met by a check from the Woman's Missionary Union. The check is provided by the Special Day Offering. And what a difference that check makes! It is not so much in what it buys, but in the assurance it brings that women of Mississippi remember. Thank you, Baptist women of Mississippi, for building a bridge of love to retired ministers and widows."

The list of allocations continues to include leadership meetings and training; the Seamen's Service in New Orleans; large print Bibles for Baptist Hospital patients; and the New York Metropolitan Baptist Association.

Miss Edwina Robinson tells about the work in New York this way:

"Southern Baptist work in New York is an infant compared to the work in Mississippi. It began in 1937, and the first church was organized in January, 1938. Ken Lyle, who now serves as leader of the Metropolitan New York Baptist Association is a young man of dedication and vision. Ken, a native Mississippian and a graduate of Mississippi College, has seen his dream for a building to be us-



At an International Student Conference at Garaywa are, left to right: Miss Marjean Patterson, WMU executive secretary; Rev. Ralph B. Winders, director, Dept. of Student Work, MCB; Charles B. Baker, minister of evangelism, First, Jackson; Mrs. Len Sehested, homemaker, Fort Worth, Texas; Mrs. Nell Sanford, BSU director, MUW; D. B. Desai, of India and Mrs. Desai, students at MSU.

ed for worship, offices, and ministry become a reality with the purchase in 1973 of a building and land located in mid-Manhattan. However, there is much more to be done in making the building a tool for multiple ministries—there is the need for ministries of counseling, music, a Christian bookshop, drug prevention and juvenile rehabilitation programs, and much more.

"Through the Special Day Offering, Mississippi Baptist women can have a part in making these ministries possible in New York."

One allocation which is very dear to all Mississippi women and girls is Camp Garaywa. Fran Pickett, camp manager at Garaywa, expresses the feelings that many have about Camp Garaywa as she reflects: "Have you ever seen a little girl listen, wide-eyed and breathless, to a missionary tell of her work? Have you ever heard a missionary say, 'I felt my first call to mission service at Camp Garaywa?'"

"Multiply that little girl 2,000 times and the missionary a hundred times, and you will know a small part of the ministry of Garaywa. More than 2,000 girls come to Camp Garaywa each summer; women from all over the state come to WMU camp. There are meetings of other groups throughout the year. Do you see the scope of Garaywa's ministry? Do you wonder that we want to continue this ministry, enlarge it, improve it?"

"Needs at Garaywa are both practical and pressing if we are to keep the facilities and grounds in good repair. Through the Special Day Offering, women in Mississippi continue to build a bridge of love to Garaywa. Across that bridge, young people will walk into all parts of the world."

WMU Special Day is a wonderful opportunity for all WMU ladies and girls in Mississippi to have part in helping meet these needs that truly are special to us.

Baptist Hospital Will Observe National Week

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tive personnel.

The theme of National Hospital Week this year is "Constant Concern for a Healthy Community." The observance is sponsored annually by the American Hospital Association.

"Our concern for a healthy community," said Pryor, "is amply demonstrated by the construction of our new 600-bed hospital, which will have the very latest health-care equipment on every floor."

He said the date for the opening of the new hospital has not yet been specified, but he said best estimates at this time are that the new hospital will be placed into service in November.

Fifteen women met at the Koumassi Church here recently to discuss plans for the first Woman's Missionary Union of Ivory Coast women. Yoruba women from Nigeria living in the Ivory Coast have already organized WMU work in their churches, but this is the first, among women of the Ivory Coast.



To Perform In "Spring Splendor"

Special guests for "Spring Splendor" at First Church, Jackson are the Stone Brothers from Jacksonville, Florida. Rick, Randy and Rod, who sing and play the trumpet, are students at Samford University in Birmingham and recently performed at the Presidential Prayer Breakfast in Washington, D. C. They will perform in "Spring Splendor," along with the Revelation, Sonlight and orchestra of First Church, Jackson on Saturday, May 3 and Sunday, May 4 at 7 p.m. in the church sanctuary.

"This is the time," said Pryor, "when we hope our friends will bring in photographs relating to the history of the hospital."

May 16 has been designated as "Employee Appreciation Day," and all hospital employees will be guests of honor at a tea in the cafeteria from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. hosted by administrative personnel.

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EDITORIAL

"The Sound Of A Going..."

King David was at war with the Philistines.

There came a day when he inquired of the Lord as to when he should begin an attack. The answer was given, that they were not to "go up" (launch the attack) until God's sign was given.

What was that sign? Hear these words, "And let it be, when thou hearest the sound of a going in the tops of the mulberry trees, that then thou shalt bestir thyself; for then shall the Lord go before thee, to smite the host of the Philistines." (2 Sam. 5:24).

It was clear to David that he was not to move until a sign came from the Lord. When that sign was given, he could move with the assurance that God was going to be with him and give him victory.

These words are very applicable in the area of revival. There often come times when God's people cry out to Him for revival, and yet nothing happens. No matter what they do spiritual victory does not come. At other times, as they pray the Lord gives evidence that the time is ripe and revival will come. How often, when this has happened, prayer answers have been seen,

and mighty spiritual revival has come.

Many Christians long have been praying that a mighty spiritual revival would sweep Mississippi. Now it appears that the Lord truly is moving in our midst. Not only has a date and place been set for a revival under the leadership of the Billy Graham team, but there are now evidences everywhere that the Spirit is moving in our midst. There appears to be "a sound of a going in the tops of the mulberry trees." In His own mysterious way the Holy Spirit seems to be touching many hearts, and getting them ready for a mighty spiritual outpouring. That should say to us, as it was to say to David, "Bestir thyself." It is time for action on the part of every Christian.

The Billy Graham revival is only a few days away. When most of you read this it will be less than a week and a half. One of the greatest religious opportunities ever to come to our state is here now. For months the preparation has been under way. Thousands of people already are involved, and many more are enlisting every day.

We do not believe that the "sound

of a going" which now seems to be appearing, is merely the result of human effort. These months of preparation and prayer for the crusade have brought heart searching, Bible study, personal repentance and rededication, yielding to the Holy Spirit, a new zeal for souls, and a step up in preparation for more effective witness. Christians have bared their souls before God, and have felt the surging power of the Spirit within. Churches already are feeling the experience of revival, as their pastors and people seek to get ready for the crusade.

There is excitement in the air... and expectancy.

There is burden... and concern.

There is a spirit of urgency.

And a desire in many hearts to be "available" for God's use in these revival days.

Pastors, churches, individuals... all are becoming concerned, and involved. They are praying that God will give a mighty spiritual revival in our city and are seeking to so yield themselves, that He can use them in helping to bring it.

There is "a sound of a going."

Let us move into the battle... the spiritual battle for the glory of the Lord.

Operation Andrew

One of the emphases in the preparation for the Billy Graham Mississippi Crusade is called "Operation Andrew."

This is a plan in which Christians list individuals in whom they are spiritually interested, and then begin to pray and work to bring them under the influence of the gospel, and to a personal experience with the Lord Jesus Christ.

The plan is based upon the New Testament record of the disciple Andrew, who first heard and believed in Jesus, and then went to find his own brother Peter, and bring him to Jesus. The Bible's word is very simple, "He first findeth his own brother Simon... and he brought him to Jesus." (John 1:41-42)

There are very few of us as Christians, who were not spoken to by some other Christians, or influenced by them, before we came to the Lord. Are there not multitudes all about us, who need the personal touch of some Christian friend, to bring them face to face with the Lord? If you stop to think for a moment, you may remember one or a number of persons, who need your personal concern.

In the plan in use by the Billy Graham organization, special materials have been prepared, including an "Operation Andrew" card for the listing of names for whom the Christians will pray, and to whom they will, as the Lord leads, give Christian witness. There also are folders with suggestions on how to use the plan. These are available from the crusade office, and copies have been given to all of those who have attended the Life and Witness classes.

However, a person does not have to have the special materials in order to participate in this plan. He can begin it at any time simply by taking a card or piece of paper, and making a list of individuals who need to have an experience with Christ, for whom he will begin to pray, and to whom he will witness as the Lord leads. Since the Billy Graham crusade can be one of the greatest soul winning opportunities this state ever has known, a splendid purpose for those entering the Operation Andrew plan would be to get those in whom they are concerned to attend the crusade services.

The Christian should invite those for whom he is concerned to attend the crusade. He should not merely say "come to the revival," but rather say, "I should like for you to attend the revival with me," and then take them to the revival. There are thousands of Christian families in Mississippi, who have neighbors and friends, who need to be brought to the revival services. Is God depending upon you to be an "Andrew," and bring them to the place where the spiritual atmosphere will be so conducive to their meeting the Lord?

Almost every Christian has at some time felt a desire to be able to be a soul winner. The Operation Andrew program in relation to this revival is a splendid opportunity for such experience. Make out a list today, and begin to pray for the persons on it. Then invite them and bring them to the services. If that is done we can be sure that the Holy Spirit will do His work in many hearts, through the preaching of the Word and other great spiritual experiences in the services.

Why not decide to be an Andrew right now?

on: exploding your church population; building a coffee house ministry from scratch; coping with local opposition; adapting secular success formulas to the work of the Lord; publicizing Christian entertainment; and developing imaginative ways of communicating the Word.

THROUGH THE BIBLE WITH THOSE WHO WERE THERE by Harold and Carole Straughn (Tyndale House, paper, \$3.95, 270 pp.) A unique Bible study presenting the major themes of each book from Genesis through Acts around the main characters of that book.

CHURCH LIBRARY RECORD AND PLAN BOOK by Jacquelyn Anderson 1975-76 (Convention, \$1.50, paper, 37 pp.) Containing the Church Library Achievement Guide for 1975-76, this book will assist the librarian in planning for the year. It also contains forms that will assist in keeping library records, past and present.

ENCYCLOPEDIA OF THE UNEXPLAINED edited by Richard Cavendish (McGraw Hill, 304 large pp., \$17.95) The subtitle adds the words "Magic, Occultism and Parapsychology." An introductory chapter discusses problem of coping with mystery. This is followed by articles on hundreds of subjects in encyclopedic form with 19 different writers making contributions. The articles deal with subjects and with persons. Also there is much historical material. The book is filled with illustrations, many of them in full color. Whether one is interested in the occult, divination, dreams, drugs, satanism, ritual magic, reincarnation, or any other subject or person in the field, he finds it fully discussed here. This book is well indexed and carries a full bibliography. This encyclopedia explains the mystery world of the psychic, the occult, the magic, and certainly will be an eye-opener to many who know little about these fields.

HAVE THE PUBLIC SCHOOL'S HAD IT by Elmer L. Towns (Thomas Nelson, Inc. 192 pp., \$2.95) A startling study of the present situation in the public schools and an explanation of the rise

of the private school, and especially the Christian private school. The author has done much research and reveals how that the public school has "had it" in many ways. He lists the quality of education, behavior, spiritual emphasis and "the Protestant ethic as a style of life" as some of the things which have deteriorated in the public schools. He does not fight the public schools but defends them, yet reveals the tragic condition to which many of them have come. In chapter two he lists the causes for the decline, and shows that one reaction has been the development of a new system of private schools and especially of the Christian schools. He shows that these have left off some of the frills of public education, but are majoring on providing quality education, discusses the way in which educators in the public school area are fighting the private schools and the conflict which has resulted and makes an appeal for complete liberty in the choice of schools and calls for strengthening both of the private Christian school with its positive Christian ethic, and of the public school, which still has such an important place in American life.

SEARCH FOR THE BELOVED COMMUNITY by Kenneth L. Smith and Ira G. Zepp, Jr., (Judson, 150 pp., \$6.95) A study of the thinking of Martin Luther King, Jr.

ROAD BLOCK TO MOSCOW by Nick Savoca with Dick Schneider (Fleming H. Revell, 157 pp., paper, \$2.95) The story of a group of young Christians who invaded Russia to witness for Christ. A fascinating account of the difficulties which they encountered in the Communist land, and how they were refused the privilege of going into Moscow, yet found some opportunities to be witnesses for Christ.

MISSION: POSSIBLE by Hans Kristian with Dave Hunt (Fleming H. Revell, paper, 191 pp., \$2.95) This is the gripping story of Hans Kristian's arrest for smuggling Bibles into the Soviet Union, and the events following the arrest. The Foreword is by Brother Andrew, key character in the book, God's Smuggler.



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Seeks Information Concerning Rev. J. D. Rice

Dear Dr. Odle:

I am seeking information concerning my great grandfather, a Mississippi Baptist preacher, Rev. Joel D. Rice, who in 1922, was living at Cascilla, Mississippi, in Tallahatchie County.

During that year he published a little book containing a sermon with the title SERMON IN RHYME.

I am interested in securing information concerning him and places he served. I also would like to get hold of a copy of this book. If anyone has a copy and would be willing to sell it, I would be glad to purchase it. However, if the person did not want to sell, but would allow me to borrow it so that I can have photostat copies made of it, I should like to do that.

Any person having information concerning either Brother Rice or the book, please write me.

Mr. Bill Rice
20 Timber Ridge Drive
Jackson, MS 39212
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On The MORAL SCENE...

YOUTH BELIEF AND PRACTICE — A recent national survey of high school student leaders showed that 82% "feel religion is relevant in today's society." The survey conducted by Who's Who Among American High School Students, also revealed: Less than half participate "regularly" in church or religious activities. Two-fifths approve of premarital sex (29% have engaged in it). Less than 8% have ever used hard drugs, and 72% have never used marijuana. A fourth never drank beer, and 34% never drank hard liquor. The poll was based on 23,000 responses, half from Protestants. — Christianity Today, April 11, 1975.

T.V. MURDERS — Researchers figure that by the time he's 14, the average TV-watching child has seen 11,000 homicides on the tube. Another says the little screen racks up a total of 7.29 acts of violence in an average hour, a figure that triples for police and detective shows. — Detroit, page 27, The Free Press, April 6, 1975.

WASTE AS A WRONG — The United States is the world leader in waste. With 6% of the world population, it uses 30% of the world's energy. The disparity has not changed a single percentage point since the beginning of the energy crisis. The energy wasted by 205 million Americans is said to equal the energy used by 105 million Japanese. — Christianity Today, April 11, 1975.

MAJOR OIL FIRMS MILK TAX LOOPHOLES — "The nation's biggest and most profitable oil companies paid only token federal income taxes during a five-year period, a Senate study revealed. The effective tax rate paid by the seven giant oil firms averaged less than 5 percent during the 1968-72 period. This compares with an average 29 percent rate for large industrial corporations and an effective rate above 40 percent for such corporate giants as General Motors and Sears, Roebuck. Most wage earners also paid a substantially higher percentage of income to the federal government. The effective tax rate for a family of four with a \$15,000 income amounts to 12 percent with standard deductions. For an individual with a \$7,500 income, it is 13.3 percent. The companies whose profits and taxes were analyzed were Exxon, Texaco, Mobil, Standard Oil of California, Standard Oil of Indiana and Shell." — AFL-CIO News, December 7, 1974.

Light for Living
Chester E. Swor

A Matter of Values

I read a man in a bus station who had lost a dime underneath the station benches in the waiting room. In a protracted scrambling about to find the dime, his preoccupation made him unaware that a pickpocket was taking his billfold containing a large amount of money. He was so eager to save a dime, that he lost a greater treasure.

That news item recalled the parable of the rich planter who, in his eagerness to build larger barns to accommodate larger crops to make more money, in his preoccupation with material values neglected and lost his soul. And since, at death, he couldn't take the money with him, he lost that, too. It could be that all of us could learn something from both the secular news item and the immortal Bible truth concerning the values to which we give our larger attention.

To lose one's health in undisciplined expenditure of energies upon even worthwhile things, to lose one's children because of preoccupation with "getting ahead," to lose friends through a greedy grasp for advantage, to lose the respect of others in unprincipled maneuvering to achieve goals, to lose spiritual insight through a blinding materialism in thinking and acting, and, tragically, to lose spiritual maturity and victory through neglect of spiritual values — these and any other things which give priority to the lesser or wrong values among the many opportunities which life presents may help an individual to "gain the whole world"; but they will surely lead, too, to the loss of the more valuable, eternal values.

"What did he leave his children?" someone asked concerning a recently deceased man. "Nothing," said one listener, alluding to the fact that the man had left no money. "EVERYTHING," said another listener, meaning that the deceased father had left a legacy of strong character, clean thinking, honorable living, exemplary relationships to both God and man. In short, he had not lost the treasure of his billfold in chasing after a missing dime!

All of us may well address this question to our individual hearts: AM I, IN THE CONSTANT STRIVING TO SUCCEED AND TO PROVIDE WELL, GIVING PRIORITY TO THE GREATER, ABIDING PRINCIPLES FOR MYSELF AND FOR THOSE WHO LOOK TO ME FOR STRENGTH?

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Whirlwind Tourist Chats With Missionaries

by Don McGregor

A whirlwind, five-day tour of Israel does not allow a great deal of time for visits with missionaries. This is regrettable, for that would have been one of the most interesting aspects of what was a highly interesting trip anyway.

The Israeli Ministry of Tourism invited seven U. S. journalists to visit that nation during the last week in March, and only three were Southern Baptists. So there couldn't be too much insistence

on visiting Southern Baptist missionaries.

Because of his stature in the nation, however, one Southern Baptist missionary was placed on the itinerary for all of the seven to visit. He is Dr. Robert L. Lindsey, who has been in Israel longer than many of the Israelis.

Visit with Lytle

Then on Easter Sunday morning the three Southern Baptists availed themselves of the opportunity of visiting with another of the missionaries, Norman Lytle.

We also had opportunity to meet Mrs. Lindsey, Mrs. Lytle, Charles Worthy, and Wayne Buck. These are all stationed in Jerusalem, and there was no chance to meet any of the missionaries in other areas of the nation as we moved so quickly from place to place. We did meet three Journey-men in Jerusalem, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Elmore of Missouri and Byron Lemoine of Louisiana. Two Journey-men from Gaza came into Jerusalem for church on Easter Sunday morning, and thus

we met B. J. Burch and Genita Fast.

The Lindseys are from Oklahoma, the Bucks and the Lytles from Kentucky, and the Worthys from Alabama.

Also stationed in Jerusalem are Mr. and Mrs. Norman Burnes from Georgia and Mr. and Mrs. John Anthony from Arkansas. We didn't meet these or Mrs. Worthy.

Both of the two missionaries we had opportunity to visit with first went to Israel as students. Dr. Lindsey went to that area in 1930 as a student at the Hebrew University. He was interested in Bible languages. The Lytles both went to Israel in 1958 as students and as a teacher and a counselor at the George W. Truett Home in Petah Tiqva.

Dr. Lindsey is still involved in education as he teaches a seminary once a week and is translating the Gospel of Luke into Hebrew.

Deep Roots

The Lindseys have deep roots in that part of the world. A daughter, Lenore, is married to Kenneth Mullican, and both are missionaries in Gaza, Mullican is a medical technician at the Southern Baptist hospital there.

Another daughter, however, is a college student in Mobile.

Lindsey is involved in intercommunal organizations in Jerusalem. He said this includes all religious groups in the city. The Moslems are eligible but do not participate. He is also involved in an interfaith group he termed charismatic, which he defined as renewal. He said the emphasis of those involved centers around preaching and praying for the sick. This group includes those of any faith who feel they have been "touched by the work of the Holy Spirit," he said.

The group is made up largely of those he termed expatriates, or Westerners living in Israel. Catholics in the city enter into the intercommunal fellowship activities, including renewal. The Greek Orthodox people, however, are not touched by renewal, he pointed out.

A youth group with which he works is made up largely of Western Christian Jews, he indicated. Many of them are former hippies. There are about 11,000 Christians in Jerusalem.

Dr. Lindsey is pastor of the Baptist Church in West Jerusalem, where he holds services in English and in Hebrew on Saturday, or the Jewish Sabbath. In Israel the public schools are open on Sunday.

While we were visiting with Dr. Lindsey, two girls who were staying in the Lindsey home came in. One was a Southern Baptist and the other a Roman Catholic. They had attended that night a combination eucharist and Seder, or communion and passover supper.

Such adds to the interesting aspects of ministry in Israel, though it may not do a great deal doctrinally.

Student Center

Lytle works with some 150 to 200 students at the Baptist student center. Most of them are local Arabs, he said. There are some Christians; some Muslims; and some young people from outside Israel such as American, British, and Dutch.

There are some Jewish believers, he said, who frequent the student center and a few Israeli young people of the Jewish faith. The word, "believer" is used to denote a Christian.

The student center is located north of the Garden Tomb in

Jerusalem on Nablus Road.

As a part of Lytle's student ministry he takes the young people on a walk through biblical sites on Palm Sunday morning and then treats them to breakfast at his home on the Mount of Olives. This year the Lytles fed breakfast to 120 young people.

A visit with Wayne Buck was very brief following his message on Easter Sunday morning at the East Jerusalem Baptist Church. This service was in English for tourists. Services are also held there in Arabic. There are book stores at both the West and East Jerusalem churches. Offices for the Israel mission are located at the West Jerusalem church site.

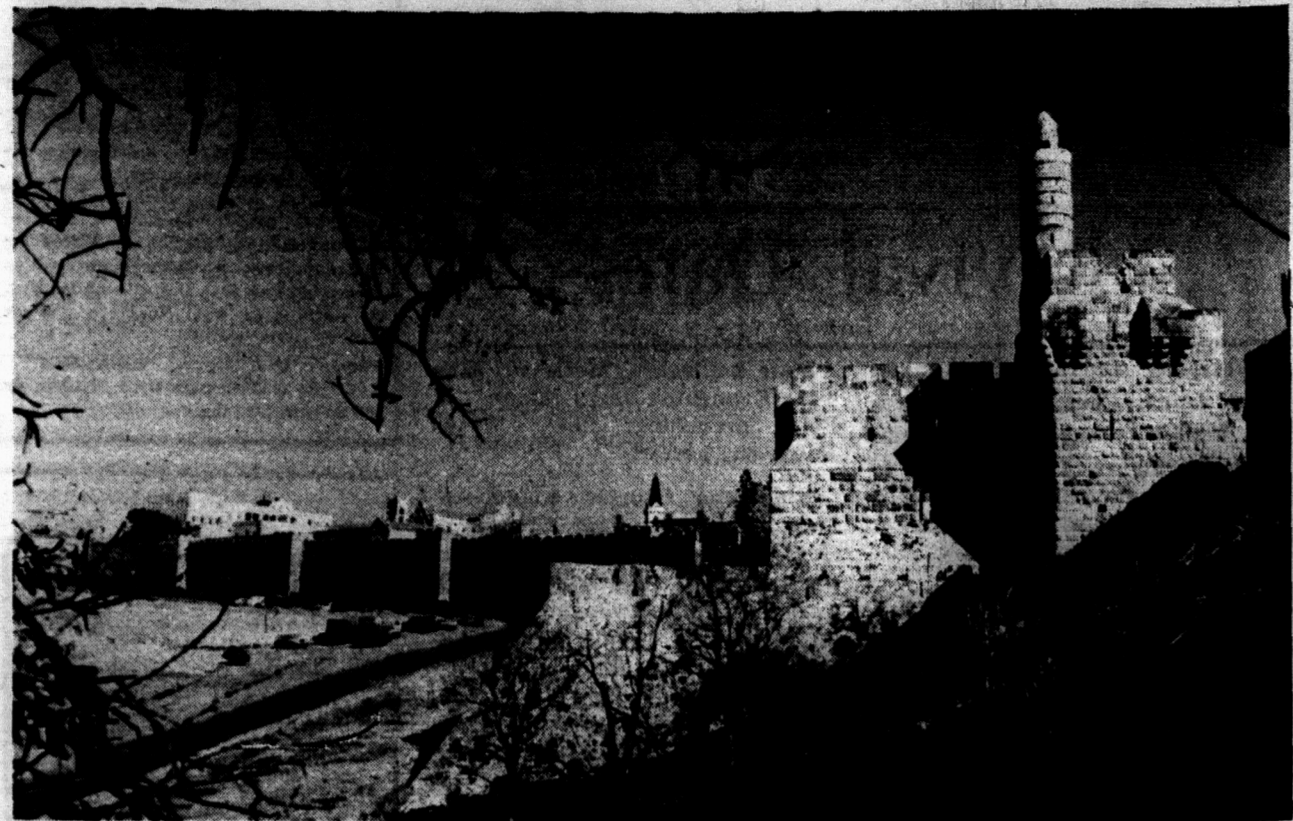
Five Churches

In all Israel there are five organized churches and seven preaching centers. Lindsey is chairman of the mission.

It is a very interesting field where he and his collaborators minister. There is a great deal of the old preserved in historical and biblical settings that have remained or have been unearthed in many archaeological digs. It is the land where Jesus conducted His ministry on earth, which unfolded God's plan of salvation. It is also the area of a new state which in some 26 years has literally caused the desert to blossom while it has struggled to find itself on the inside and has fought to preserve itself on the outside.

Thus far it has preserved itself very well. And from talking with Israelis who have had a part in its continued existence, sometimes it seems that the continuation has been nothing short of miraculous.

That area has had a long history of Divine intervention in human affairs.



David's Tower

David's Tower is located near the Jaffa Gate entrance to the old walled city of Jerusalem. The heavy stone building dates back to the days of King Herod.

65 Years On The Job

Robert L. Cooper Still Singing His Songs

Reprinted from The Aberdeen Examiner

"Some will sing my song and others will right the wrong," wrote John Greenleaf Whittier.

For Robert L. Cooper, Sr., many will be singing his songs for years to come. Cooper, who was 85 years young Tuesday, November 12, is still in great demand for his singing in his long career as a gospel singer.

He has written more than 100 songs. Cooper was reared near Hamilton, Mo., and moved to Aberdeen in 1903. He has made Aberdeen his home all this time except for 12 years when he was in Oklahoma and Texas.

He began his career in gospel music in 1909 and has made it his life. In those 65 years he has been music director and song leader for revivals in 17 states and has appeared as soloist in many other states at conventions and meetings. Some of the songs he has written have been published by the Southern Baptist Convention in Nashville.

One song he wrote last fall had been sung in front of two congregations by the time it was four weeks old. Mr. Cooper used it in Tupelo on Nov. 11 when he entertained Civitan there. The name of the song is "I'm On My Way Home," with music and lyrics by Cooper.

One of the highlights of his career was when he was asked by Judge William Keady to entertain at dedication ceremonies of Federal Court facilities. He composed "The Day of Jubilation" for the affair, singing and accompanying himself on the piano.

Cooper took an eight-year leave from full-time gospel singing to serve the state House of Representatives. He served as a member from 1956-60; the next four years he worked with Speaker of the House, Walter Sillers.

In his career, he has met William Jennings Bryant, Richard P. Hobson of the Merrimac crisis, and Sen. Bob Kerr of Oklahoma.

Judged as the greatest high point with religious leaders, he states that it would have to be meeting Dr. George W. Truett. He and Dr. Truett appeared on two programs together. Also he remembers singing with Dr. W.

W. Hamilton and Dr. Roland Leavell, New Orleans Seminary presidents, and other great leaders such as Dr. T. L. Holcomb, Dr. P. I. Lipsey, Dr. J. B. Lawrence, and many others.

Cooper had a regular radio program in the 1930's with WREC. Recently he has sung solos in the leading churches in Memphis, including Bellevue and First Baptist.

He is in such demand that many places have asked him to come back year after year. He went to Wilson Avenue Church, Prichard, Ala., in December, 1974, for the fourth year in a row.

Besides his interest in music, he is an avid supporter of local sports. He was honored on his

birthday with a party given by the baseball team in appreciation of his enthusiasm and interest and support.

On his 85th birthday, Mayor William Tisdale presented him a Certificate of Appreciation from the City of Aberdeen, for his contribution of religious leadership and public service.

Both of Cooper's daughters have inherited his musical talent. Mrs. Mervin Mize is the organist at First United Methodist Church in Aberdeen and Mrs. Elizabeth Lewellyn sings and plays the piano. He had one son, Robert, Jr., who is now deceased.

He lists five grandsons, one granddaughter and one great-granddaughter.

Village Houseparents Retire

By Paul Nunnery, Superintendent

"Who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is far above rubies" (Prov. 31:10). Trustees, administration, staff and children in that scriptural wisdom as recently, they have reluctantly witnessed the departure, through retirement, of a number of loyal, trusted and consecrated adult members of the Village "family." According to T. Deane Rodgers, home life director and supervisor of cottage life on the Jackson campus of The Children's Village, one of the immediate results is a critical shortage of houseparent staff.

Mr. Rodgers has reported that within one month, four ladies with houseparent service at The Children's Village totalling in excess of 57 years have reached the mandatory retirement age and left

Village service.

Included among the retirees are: Miss Mary Elizabeth Bolls, a housemother for girls with service as a Village housemother in excess of 25 years; Miss Bolls' record of continuous service is believed to be unequalled in the modern history of The Village. Mrs. Catherine Irvin, a housemother for girls with continuous service of 14 years; Mrs. Thelma Robinson, a housemother for girls with continuous service of 12 years; and Mrs. Agnes Turbville, who has served as a housemother with both girls and boys for six consecutive years. All of the retiring housemothers were guests of honor at Village receptions recently.

"Loss of the experience, talent, compassion, dedication and loyal-



Children's Village housemothers recently retiring with aggregate service of 57½ years are: (l to r) Miss Mary E. Bolls; Mrs. Catherine G. Irvin; Mrs. Thelma A. Robinson and Mrs. Agnes Turbville.

Woman's College Grads Of '25 To Be Recognized May 17

May 17, graduation day at William Carey College will have double significance this year: 1975 seniors will receive their diplomas; 1925 graduates will be recognized as graduates of 50 years ago.

An additional feature of the day will be a Dutch luncheon in the faculty dining hall of Wilkes Hall. Martha Ross Fowler will emcee the after-dinner program which has been planned by Mittie Walne Pack Toler and Ruth Gandy Melton, all of the class of '25. Gladys Johnson Kervin of the same class has been responsible for locating the living class members.

ty which has characterized the service of these Christian ladies is almost irreplaceable," Rodgers commented, "but they would be among the first to join me, our staff and our children in a prayer and plea to others of like faith and commitment to join us here at the Village, where the real romance of missions may be found."

The Children's Village, facing additional retirements at an early date, has advertised its urgent need for new houseparent personnel, both single ladies and husband-wife teams, in THE BAPTIST RECORD on a number of occasions during the past year. Village sources reveal that a few staff members have been acquired as a result of these appeals, but that these most recent retirements, with others, combined with staff needs which the occupation of a new branch campus at FARROW MANOR in Tate County will dictate, again place The Village in a dangerously deficient houseparent position.

The Baptist Children's Village is the official child care agency of Mississippi Baptist Convention. Christian Home Week is the Convention-sanctioned period of emphasis upon the work of the Village, which is currently engaged in its annual appeal to Baptist churches for budget funds through the Mother's Day offering.

Crusader Royal Ambassador department of the Brotherhood Commission, will direct the camp.

Black said the SBC Mission Day Camp will benefit convention messengers in several ways. "Children will enjoy a mission learning experience while their parents are free to take an active part in convention sessions, and parents who might have stayed home because of their children may now be able to attend," he said.

Clarke Commencement Is Planned For May 8

Clarke College Commencement Day is set for May 8 with 62 sophomores slated to receive the AA degree and eight more eligible for summer graduation, according to Dr. W. L. Compere, president, and Victor R. Vaughn, academic dean.

The day's activities will begin with the Commencement Service to be held at 10 a.m. in the sanctuary of Newton's First Church with Dr. John H. Traylor, pastor, First Church, Gulfport, to deliver the sermon.

The graduation exercises will be held in the Newton First Church sanctuary at 3 p.m. Dr. Howard C. Bennett, president of East Texas Baptist College, Marshall, Tex., will deliver the address.

Dr. Traylor, a native of Louisiana, is a graduate of Louisiana Polytechnic Institute. He holds B. D. and Th.D. degrees from New Orleans Seminary, where he served as fellow in the fields of evan-



Traylor Bennett

gelism and Old Testament Interpretation. He is a trustee of Midwestern Seminary and a former member of the Foundation Board for Mississippi Baptist Convention. He is also a member of the Mississippi Baptist Education Commission.

Dr. Bennett became president of East Texas Baptist College in 1960, coming to that position from 20 years experience in the pastorate, serving First churches of Carthage, Tenn.; Vivian, La.; and Kilgore, Texas.

Third Fellowship With National Baptists May 3

The third of five regional fellowship meetings between Southern Baptists and National Baptists in Mississippi will be May 3 at Harrisburg Baptist Church in Tupelo.

Dr. Dick Brogan, Jackson, director of the Department of Cooperative Ministries with National Baptists for the Mississippi Baptist Convention, said the fellowship meeting is open to anyone who is interested.

The fellowship will begin at 9:30 a.m. with registration and coffee; and the program will get under way at 10 a.m. with a welcome by Rev. G. L. Ford, pastor of Bissell Baptist Church, Tupelo.

The devotional by Dr. Robert Hamblin, pastor of Harrisburg

Church, will follow.

A film presentation, "Am I the Earth's Keeper?" will be shown at 10:10; and "What Is Stewardship?" will be discussed by Rev. Charles Steele, pastor of East Heights Baptist Church, Tupelo, and Dr. James Wilson, pastor of Rising Star Baptist Church, Tupelo, at 10:30 a.m.

Dr. Brogan will speak on "Does the Difference Make a Difference?" at 11:45. This will be preached by a dialogue with the previous speakers at 11 a.m. and special music at 11:45.

The program will be concluded with lunch, which will be served at 12:15.

Mission Day Camp Set For SBC In Miami Beach

MIAMI BEACH (BP) — Parents attending Southern Baptist Convention sessions here, June 10-12, may enroll their elementary-age children in the second annual SBC Mission Day Camp.

The mission camp, sponsored by the SBC Brotherhood Commission, will open just prior to convention sessions on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings and will adjourn at the close of the afternoon sessions on Tuesday and

Thursday and the morning session on Wednesday.

Site of the camp will be Flamingo Park, located a few blocks north of the convention hall.

Attendance at the camp is limited to children in grades 1-6. The day campers will take part in a mission education program, which includes mission games, sports, crafts, nature studies and sessions with Southern Baptist missionaries.

Registration fee for the camp is \$4 per day or \$10 for three days. The maximum fee for any one family is \$20 for the three-day camp, regardless of the number of children. The fee includes insurance, supplies and two noon meals.

A registration booth for the Mission Day Camp will be located in the main messenger registration area in the convention hall.

Frank Black, director of the

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Old-Fashioned Singing School At MC In June

The Old Fashioned Singing School, co-sponsored by the Church Music Department and the Music Department of Mississippi College, is scheduled for June 19-21, in the Aven Fine Arts Building, Mississippi College.

The emphasis this year will be on performance. There will be a Workshop Choir introducing new music, a Youth Choir introducing new youth music, and auditions for private lessons with faculty members. Another highlight will be a talent show.

The cost will be \$5.00 for both nights in dormitory, \$12.00 for seven meals in cafeteria, \$8.00 registration fee, making a total cost of \$25.00. The cost would be more staying in a motel.

This event is designed especially for church music leaders (Song leaders, accompanists and choir members) who have limited or no music training.

Seminary Sets Bicentennial Concert May 6

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary will salute America's bicentennial in a concert scheduled May 6 by the Seminary Choir, the Seminarians, the Brass Ensemble, and the New Orleans Civic Orchestra. Sponsored by the Division of Church Music Ministries, the concert will be staged at 8:15 p.m. in Leavell Chapel on the seminary campus.

"The Testament of Freedom" by Randall Thompson, based on the writings of Thomas Jefferson will be performed by the 36-voice Seminarians, accompanied by the New Orleans Civic Orchestra. Directing will be Perry Carroll, doctoral candidate at the seminary and conductor of the Seminarians.

Malcolm Miller Dies, Husband Of Former State CT Worker

Malcolm F. Miller died on Wednesday, April 23, of a heart attack at his home near Little Rock, Ms. He was the husband of Louise Miller, former long-time employee with the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board as associate in the Department of Church Training.

Funeral services were held at Prospect Church north of Meridian on April 28. Burial was at Murphy Creek Church in Winston County.

Until his early retirement several years ago, Mr. Miller was employed by the U. S. Forestry service in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Mrs. Miller may be addressed at Route 2, Box 120, Little Rock, Ms. 39337.



201 Attend Day Care Clinic

For the State Day Care Training Clinic on April 15, at Alta Woods Church, Jackson, 201 were present. Gary Foll, top photo, from State Sunday School Department of South Carolina led a conference for workers with babies through two years of age. Bill Halbert, bottom photo, from Sunday School Board, Nashville, led workers with children ages three, four and five.

Haynes On Program Of Retreat For Single Adults

Joe Haynes will be among the program personnel for the retreat for single adults to be held on the Gulf Park College campus, University of Southern Mississippi, Long Beach, May 30, 31, June 1. A former Mississippian, Mr. Haynes is a consultant with the Young Adult section of the Sunday School Department, Baptist Sunday School Board.

The retreat is being sponsored by the Christian Action Commission and the Sunday School Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. Personnel from these and also the Stewardship Department will be participating.

Cost of the retreat will be \$25.00 which includes registration, two nights lodging, Saturday meals and Sunday breakfast. A limited number of persons can be accepted at these rates. After the first eighty registrants, off campus lodging is available at slightly higher rates. Registration fees of \$5.00 should be sent to the Christian Action Commission, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Miss. 39205.

Revival Results

Lakeview, Leland: April 6-11; Rev. Granville Watson, Moorhead, evangelist; Gene Green, Southside, Greenville, singer; Rev. Charles Everett, pastor; four professions of faith; numerous rededications.

Sardis Lake (Panola): March 23-28; Rev. Billy McDaniels of Sledge, Curtis Union, evangelist; Ronnie Lusher of Lewisburg, music director; Rev. Thomas Bonds, pastor; "a great spiritual uplifting after a week of cottage prayer meetings"; eleven professions of faith; two moved letters; fifteen rededications.

First, Holly Springs: April 13-20; Dr. Ramsay Pollard of Memphis, Tennessee, evangelist; Jimmy Cutrell of Gulfport, music evangelist; 43 professions of faith; 12 by letter; 17 rededications; April 20, there was an all-time record attendance in Sunday school of 478; Rev. Tommy Tutor, pastor.

Clarksdale Church: March 9-16; Dr. Earl Kelly, executive secretary, MBCB, Jackson, evangelist; Rev. Elmer Bailey, associate pastor, Bellevue, Memphis, singer; Rev. L. B. Marion, pastor. Pastor Marion states, "The hearts of the people were richly blessed through the wonderful messages. Many members felt that these messages were some of the finest brought to us in any revival we have experienced at this church. Despite extremely inclement weather, God graciously poured out abundant spiritual blessings upon us."

Forest Church: Dr. Earl Kelly evangelist; Buddy McElroy, song leader; Rev. Clyde B. Little, pastor; 20 professions of faith; 10 additions by letter; 23 rededications.

Casella (Tallahatchie): youth revival; April 2-8; six professions of faith; two by letter; many rededications, several by members not attending church previously; Rev. Ron Griffin, pastor, Mt. Carmel, Cabot, Ark., evangelist; Rev. Joe Mung, pastor. (The pastor says, "For several months the church has been experiencing revival, and all attendance records and averages have been broken.")

WMU-Brotherhood To Sponsor S. Mississippi Mission Tour

On May 19, a bus load of men and women will leave from the Baptist Building in Jackson on a mission tour of south Mississippi.

This WMU-Brotherhood sponsored mission tour will go as far south as New Orleans and the people on the trip will observe mission work and visit mission points along the way such as the Palestinian Gardens (miniature Holy Land) at Lucedale; the National Baptist ministries in Prentiss; work with the seamen and international in Pascagoula. In New Orleans the group will visit New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, the Rescue Mission, Sellers Home, and Rachel Sims Mission.

While on the Gulf Coast, tour participants will see the Gulfshore property where new construction will soon be under way.

The group will spend one night in New Orleans and one night in Hattiesburg, and will return to the Baptist Building on Wednesday, May 21, by 5:00 p.m.

To register for this mission tour, send \$5 registration fee to Miss Ethel McKeithen, WMU Office, Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205, along with your name and address. The balance of \$25 will be paid on arrival at the Baptist Building on May 19.

Don't miss this opportunity to see missions first hand! Register now.

Revival Dates

Harmony (Carroll): May 4-9; Rev. James Carr, pastor of Cruger Church, evangelist; the Slaton Family Singers of Greenwood to sing on Sunday night, May 4, at 7 p.m.; messages Mon. - Fri. at 8 p.m.; Rev. Luther Lindsey, pastor.

Oak Grove, Bonita: May 2, 3, 4; youth revival; "The Way of Life," a preaching and singing group from Grand Bay, Alabama, in charge; services Fri. and Sat. at 7:30 p.m.; Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Rev. Ernest Rockwell, pastor.

West Laurel Church: May 5-11; Sonny Holland from Clinton, La., evangelist; Mildred Valentine, minister of music at Second Ave. Church, Laurel, and chairman of music department, Jones County Junior College at Ellisville, singer; services Tuesday through Friday at 10 a.m.; each evening at 7:30; Rev. D. J. Benson, pastor.

First Church, Glendale (Lebanon): May 4-9; Sunday 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Mon. - Fri. 7 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Marcus Finch, pastor Calvary, Oak Grove, evangelist; Dallas Rayborn, music director; Dr. Don H. Stewart, pastor.

Wildwood on Springridge Road, Clinton: May 4-7; 7:30 p.m., Monday - Wednesday; Rev. David Cranford, pastor, evangelist; Gene Rester, minister of music, singer; Grace Lovelace, pianist; (Two special features of the Sunday program will be an old-fashioned DINNER ON THE GROUND at 12:30 p.m., followed by GROUND-BREAKING CEREMONIES for the first \$100,000 unit of the long-term building program. Sunday worship services are set at 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. in order that visitors from neighboring churches may attend.)

South Side Church, Meridian: May 4-9; Sunday services, 10:45 a.m. and 7 p.m.; weekday services, 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Dr. Gordon Sansing, Meridian, evangelist; Tom Larrimore, Jackson, music evangelist; Rev. John Hopper, pastor.

New Journeyman Is Carey Graduate

Van Payne, one of the newly appointed journeymen pictured in the April 24 issue of the Baptist Record, is a William Carey College graduate, and not a Mississippi College graduate as the news story stated. Mr. Payne and his wife, Gwen, are going as journeymen to Kenya, he as a communications worker and she as a teacher.

Second "Joggers Jubilee" Set For Miami Convention

MIAMI BEACH (BP) — The second annual Southern Baptist "Joggers Jubilee" is scheduled for June 10, 6:30 a.m. to 8 a.m., at Flamingo Park here, just prior to the opening session of the 1975 Southern Baptist Convention (SBC).

"More than 300 persons are expected to jog in Miami Beach, and many of our missionaries will be running at the same time in all parts of the world," said Ray Conner of Nashville, secretary of the church recreation department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board. "Several missionaries around the world participated in this event in their adopted land last year."

The Joggers Jubilee, jointly sponsored by the board's church

recreation department and the Florida Baptist Convention, will be coordinated locally by Jack Naish, minister of education at Central Baptist Church in Miami.

Eugene Greer of the Baptist General Convention of Texas initiated the event at the SBC in Dallas last year.

The church recreation department will present an award certificate to each participant. Participation rather than competition is the important thing, according to Conner.

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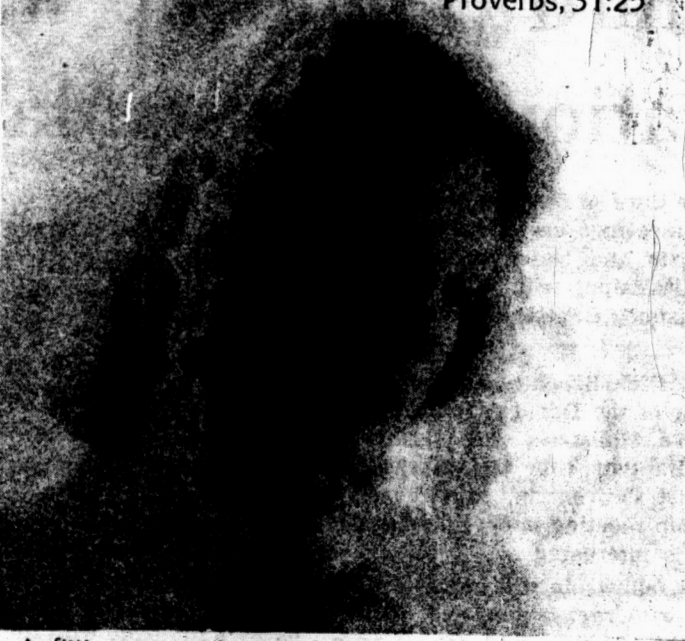
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The Presence Of God: He Is Everywhere And Knows Everything

By Wm J. Falls

Psalm 139

Words are symbols of things, feelings, actions, and so on. Helen Keller's dark and silent world was pried open when she realized that the letters "w-a-t-e-r" stood for the cool wetness that came from the pump. Almost every vocation has its own special words: sometimes one word will describe a whole complicated activity. For instance, the doctor will use "tonsillectomy" to describe the operation to remove tonsils from the throat. Theologians will use "omniscience" to describe God's knowing all things, and "omnipresence" to say that God is present everywhere. These are specialized words; they do not stir our emotions or quicken our imaginations. But Psalm 139 shows us in terms of everyday experience how one man felt about God's being everywhere and knowing everything.

The Lesson Explained
GOD KNOWS A PERSON COMPLETELY (vv. 1-6)

In this lesson we are dealing with the fifth great Old Testament theme in a unit of eight. Beginning with Genesis 3 the Bible emphasizes the Hebrew conviction that God was near to those who believed in him. The idols of the heathen might be far away, but Elijah on Mount Carmel knew the Lord would answer his prayer at once (1 King 18). But no Old Testament writing is so sharply and personally aware of God's presence as Psalm 139.

God knows the psalmist as though he were crystal; he understands his ways as a parent knows the young child. The Lord understands even his thoughts either "afar off" or before he thinks them. "Compasseth" in verse 3 is better translated "searched out," meaning studied carefully. The verse may mean that the Lord knows all that he does, whether working or resting. But more remarkable, he knows what the psalmist will say before the words come to his tongue, as one translator suggests as the meaning of verse 4.

Wherever he turns, in his thinking or in his going, the Lord is there, not to interfere but to protect him. The psalmist declares

that this kind of knowledge and companionship is possible only with God. It is far beyond his understanding. He knows it is true, but he cannot really take it in. **NONE CAN ESCAPE HIS PRESENCE (vv. 7-12)**

Even as the psalmist rejoices that the Lord is so near, he dreads his presence. After all, he realizes his own sinfulness, his unworthiness to stand in the presence of

ultimate holiness. The presence of God is a silent but constant accusation of man's rebellion and pride. So the psalmist wants to get away — the picture of a true believer!

But where can he go? Certainly not to heaven because God is surely there. Not even to Sheol — the place of the dead — because the Lord would be there, too. The two figures of speech in verse 9 repre-

sent the east and the west; even as far removed as they are; God's hand would reach out to lead and help him. There is no use hoping that darkness could hide him because so far as the Lord is concerned, the darkness is not dark. He sees through the night as though it were noon.

Even as the psalmist can find no escape from the Lord, he has emphasized that none of these things can come between him and his God. Centuries later Paul asked: "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?" After listing some awesome barriers, he concluded that nothing can "separate us from the love of God" (Rom. 8:35,36). As altogether righteous, God will judge the sinner, but as the loving Father he is ready to forgive.

PRAY FOR HIS GUIDANCE (vv. 23-24)

This psalm can be divided easily into four stanzas of six verses each, and we have now examined the first two stanzas. The third one focuses on God's creative power in the birth process, and the fourth tells how the psalmist abhors evil men. But the last two verses of that stanza close the psalm with an urgent prayer.

Speaking of wicked men seems to have reminded the psalmist he

himself was not perfect. Although he had said that the Lord knew him completely, he prayed that he would search him and test him. Whatever might be his problem, the psalmist wanted the Lord to uncover it and then lead him in the way that will last forever. He wanted guidance into the kind or quality of life that would always be recognized as good, and only God could give it.

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Names In The News



Mississippi's lieutenant governor, the Hon. William Winter, right, was a guest April 30 of First Church, Newton, and presented a Freedoms Foundation plaque to Rev. Hardy R. Denham, Jr., pastor of the church. The lieutenant governor presented the plaque as a representative of the Freedoms Foundation of Valley Forge, Pa. Mr. Denham was the recipient of the Valley Forge Honor Certificate because of a sermon he preached last Aug. 11 following the resignation of President Nixon. The sermon, "The Failure of a Leader," was chosen by the Foundation as "an outstanding achievement in bringing about a better understanding of the American way of life."



Rev. Eugene Barnett, pastor of Harmony Church, Walnut, and his wife, Wilodine, are both to receive degrees this month. On May 4, Mrs. Barnett will receive the B.A. degree from Blue Mountain College. On May 9, Mr. Barnett will have earned the Doctor of Ministry degree from Luther Rice Seminary, Jacksonville, Florida. He is a graduate of Blue Mountain with the B.A. degree and also holds the M. Div. degree. He did his doctoral thesis on the subject of death. Mrs. Barnett is the daughter of Mrs. D'Arca Schumpert of Shannon. Mr. Barnett is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Barnett of Tupelo.

Bill Rice on April 20 became minister of music and youth at Galtman Church, Rev. B. E. Padgett, pastor, going there from Springdale Church, Ripley.

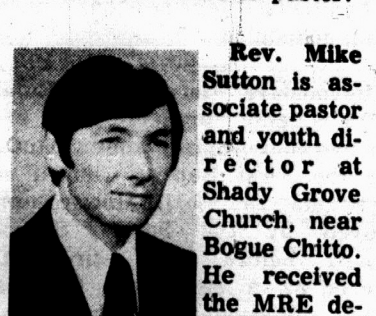
Native of Charleston, Ms., from Northwest Junior College where he was converted while attending a BSU meeting on the campus. He served as interim music director of Hickory Flat Church and minister of music at Sherman Church while attending Blue Mountain College. He is single and lives in Jackson and works for the Life and Casualty Insurance Co. in Jackson, Pearl, and Crystal Springs. Mr. Rice, the son of Mrs. Monroe Short of Sardis, was licensed to the music ministry by First Church, Sardis.

Mrs. John Brister recently received her pin for a perfect record of fourteen years attendance in Sunday School at First Church, Rosedale. She is shown receiving her pin from Harry Adcock, Sunday School director. Rev. John R. Couch is pastor.



Tommy Spigener of Clinton is interim music director at First Church, Yazoo City. Mr. Spigener is assistant professor of music at Mississippi College. Rev. James Yates is pastor.

Rev. Mike Sutton is associate pastor and youth director at Shady Grove Church, near Bogue Chitto. He received the MRE degree from New Orleans Seminary. Rev. Sam Simmons is the pastor.



New Orleans Seminary. Rev. Sam Simmons is the pastor.



These Blue Mountain College students have been awarded regular and endowed 1975 Scholarships, presented on Scholarship Day at Blue Mountain College by Dr. E. Harold Fisher, college president. Front row, left to right, are: Debbie Huddleston, Booneville; Maria Costner, Banner; Betty Cook, Ashland; Pat Broadway, Fayetteville, Tn.; Jo Ellen Richardson, Fayetteville, Tn.; and Harold Williams, West Point. Second Row, left to right: Margaret Marsh, Byhalia; Barbara Boyles, Blue Mountain; Judy Crawford, Pontotoc; Deborah McCarty, Pontotoc; Diane Skelton, Red Banks; and Butch Martin, Columbia S. C. Third row, left to right: Teresa McCoy, Algoma; Mary Watson, Selmer, Tn.; Darlene Hutson, Chiefland, Fla.; Kaye Morris, Arlington, Tn.; Sherry Hefell, Galena Park, Tx.; and Denise Davis, Orange City, Fl. Extreme back row: Clarence Hendricks, Blue Mountain; and Dwight Massengill, Rienzi.

Workshop For Workers With Retarded

Program personalities to lead a workshop for all interested in Work with the Mentally Retarded at Camp Garaywa on Saturday, May 10, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m., will include the following: Mrs. Doris Monroe, consultant, Ministry to Exceptional Persons, Sunday School Board, Nashville; Mrs. Sammie Meek, consultant, Work with Mentally Retarded, Tennessee Sunday School Department; and Bill King, consultant, Work with Mentally Retarded, Texas Sunday School Department.

Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

A New Unity, In Christ Jesus

By Bill Duncan

Ephesians 4: 1 - 16

The study of Ephesians helps us to see God's new people — the church. The first three chapters speak of their calling. The last three chapters speak to us about the conduct of God's new people.

Our union with Christ has made us one. Human differences and distinctions blend into one fellowship in Christ. Those of us who have been made one in Christ, should live a life worthy of the calling to which we have been called. This is the practical portion of the Epistle. Christian doctrine is to be followed by Christian conduct.

What is the "calling or vocation" referred to in Ephesians 4:1? Is this a special calling to perform some distinctive function for the Lord? Most of the references to call are referring "to call" as the call to be a Christian. The call of God here is to live a life that measures up to the standard God set when He called you.

The standard that Paul reminds us of in the call has some interesting ideas: lowliness or humility, meekness or gentleness, patience or longsuffering, forbearance and love. How do you measure up? How much are these qualities of a worthy life evident in our lives?

Lowliness is the opposite of pride. One who is aware that he is a creature of God is on the way. If one is to stay humble he must realize the continuing sense of sin and the need for forgiveness.

Meekness is the opposite of self-assertion. The quality is the spirit

of teachableness.

Patience is the spirit of God with us. "God's patience waits and loves" (Barclay). One who is patient refuses to strike back or retaliate.

Forbearance is forgiving one another in love. Entirely too many of us are offended more easily by something that happens within our church fellowship than we would be if the same thing happened elsewhere. God will forgive us why cannot we forgive others.

Love is "the basic attitude of seeking the highest good of others, and it will therefore lead to all these qualities and include them all" (Tyndale).

These qualities mentioned above are essential to a lasting unity within a church. The unity that a worthy life produces is based upon the unity of the Spirit. No person can create unity. We can seek to maintain it or preserve it. Eph. 4:3 says "eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." The way we maintain the life of peace or unity is to live a life worthy of our calling.

The unity of God demands the unity of the worshipper. This is made known by a series of creed-like formulations. Seven times the term "one" is given. Some have said that this was an early Christian baptismal creed enshrining the chief elements of a confession of faith made in baptism. The new convert renounced the worship of many gods in his adherence to one Lord.

The seven unities of all into three groups. The first is "one body, one spirit, one hope of our calling." The second is one Lord, one faith, one baptism. The faith is not to be taken objectively for a system of Christian doctrine. Faith is not a creed but the

experience of faith or trust in the one Lord. The glorious list of spiritual unities is climaxed and crowned by the statement that there is "one God and Father of all." God is the source of spiritual unity. These seven unities are the ground of unity.

Believers are intended to perform two kinds of ministries: make disciples and to grow disciples. Each member is to witness and to do his part in the building up of that body until it attains "the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ."

God has provided for the growth of his church through the bestowal of manifold gifts upon his believing people. God has given to each a capacity for service somewhere within the body of Christ. God has selected and endowed certain men with gifts to help the whole church grow. Through these men, apostles, prophets, pastor and teachers, God gives guidance and direction to his people.

The goal of growth is unity. "Unity is to be taken with both faith and knowledge." Faith in and a oneness of knowledge which concerns the Son of God.

The goal is also an expression of maturity. We will never be perfect here on earth. We are to set our goal of growth to be conformity to Christ, striving to attain the full stature of Christ.

The results of this growth process will be doctrinal stability.

If we are mature Christians we will recognize our dependence on the resurrected Christ, the head of the body. Our growth or maturity comes from our union with and response to him. Another evidence of maturity will be our relation to one another as parts of the body.

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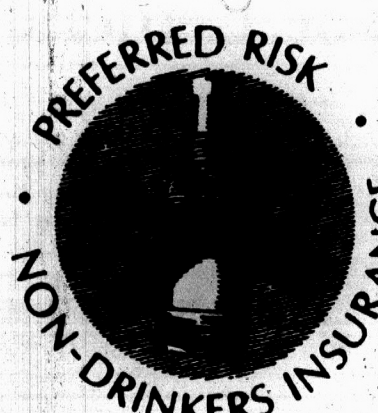
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Devotional

Be An Encourager!

By J. B. Fowler, Jr., Pastor, First, McComb

A few days ago when I saw a picture of Jesse Owens in the newspaper I remembered a wonderful story I had read. It was told by Olympic champion Bob Richards, in his book THE HEART OF A CHAMPION.



Years ago, Charley Paddock, a great Olympic athlete, was speaking at East Tech High School in Cleveland, Ohio. In his speech he said to the students: "If you think you can, you can. If you believe a thing strongly enough, it can come to pass in your life. Who knows but there's an Olympic champion here in this auditorium this afternoon!"

After the speech, a spindly-legged Negro boy came up to Charley Paddock and said: "Gee, Mr. Paddock, I'd give anything if I could be an Olympic champion just like you!" What Paddock said to the boy changed his life. After that conversation he never was the same. He had been challenged to do his best. In 1936, that once spindly-legged boy won four gold medals in the Olympics which were held in Berlin. His name? Jesse Owens.

When Owens returned from his triumph in Berlin, he was driven through the streets of Cleveland to the cheers of the crowds. When his car stopped and Owens was signing some autographs for the people, a little black boy pressed his way to the great athlete and said: "Gee, Mr. Owens, I'd give anything if I could be an Olympic champion just like you." The words sounded strangely familiar to Owens. He, himself, had said them to Charley Paddock many years before. His reply was about the same that Paddock had given him: "If you'll work, and train and believe, then you, too, can become a champion." And, at Wembley Stadium in 1948, that very boy broke the tape, won the 100 meter dash, and went on to break world records! His name? Bones Dillard.

Everyone of us has a dream about something. Perhaps it has to do with our future, family, home or church. But, in everybody's heart there lies a dream only awaiting the Midas touch to make it spring into life! We possess the touch of encouragement that someone needs. Who knows the power of a word to turn the tide for someone? Who knows what a pleasant smile can mean to a passer-by? Who knows what the words, "I believe in you," can mean to a young person struggling with life's heavy burdens? That touch of encouragement that could make the difference in someone's life might be only a word, a smile, or a "thank you." Don't be hesitant, then, to use it.

"I am only one,

But still I am one.

I cannot do everything,

But still I can do something;

And because I cannot do everything

I will not refuse to do the something

That I can do."

Three Mississippians Among Mid-America Seminary Graduates

Three Mississippians are among the eighteen students of Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary who will receive degrees at graduation ceremonies here at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 8. Eight

states are represented in the graduating class. The Mississippians are David Skinner, Lexington, Th.D.; Marvin Ferguson, Hickory, Dip.Th.; and Ralph Lindsay, Moss Point, Dip. Th.

Language Missionary Is Good Listener

When Rafael Melian came to New Orleans in 1967, the city had only two Baptist congregations for Spanish-speaking people: First Spanish, a self-supporting church, and Templo Bautista Latin-Americano, a mission of Central Baptist Church. Now eight Baptist Spanish language groups dot the city, reaching roughly 750 people a week. Melian works with them all.

A Cuban, Melian had been in the States since 1961 and had served as a Home Mission Board missionary five years in Miami, but, frustrated by the gap between himself and his environment, he resigned to "continue my American culture education," first at a Florida college, then at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

Both Melian and his wife Miriam finished seminary. She added a college degree and now teaches in elementary school. Radically different for the Melians in culture are food — "there's more and it's not the same" — to family life — "the pattern in Cuba was easygoing," says Miriam. "Here all the time you are on the go."

Now, as language coordinator for the city's Baptist association, Melian stays on the go, seldom in his office, because his work, he feels, is with the people, preaching occasionally, but more

often just listening.

As an enabler — a missionary who helps others do their work — Melian divides his time between starting language fellowships and assisting existing ones.

Despite serving as an interim pastor occasionally, he tried to visit different churches each Sunday "to keep aware of their needs."

To begin new work, Melian also has helped bring Spanish language pastors to New Orleans. One is David Lema. A Cuban in the States only three years, Lema has helped build to 60-70 members the Spanish Department of William Boulevard Baptist Church. "When he first came here, I took him with me everywhere, to introduce him to pastors, to churches, to the city. I felt like nursing him," Melian says of Lema. "But you know what I found out? He needed just one foot on dry land; as soon as he had that, he didn't need me. He is an individual. All the Spanish-speaking people from that neighborhood know him and he loves to be among people."

Southern Baptists have been witnessing to Hispanic Americans since the late 1880s, when work began in the Southwest with Mexican-Americans. Today more than 700 language missionaries relate to Hispanic Americans.



David Lema (left, in tie) talks with Melian (glasses) and a family. Lema relates to in New Orleans, Cuban carpenter Jose Torres and his wife, both of whom are blind. (Photos by Everett Hullum)



Bethel Calls Pastor

Kenneth A. Marler has assumed pastoral duties at Bethel Church, Monticello.

He and his wife, Sandra, have one child Amy, a. Now completing requirements for a Master of Divinity degree at New Orleans Seminary, he was formerly pastor at Mt. Zion Church, Smithdale. He is a native of Natchez, and graduated from Mississippi College.

Summer Missionary

BMC student Margaret Marsh of Byhalia will serve as a summer missionary in the northern Nevada mountains during June-August.



The opportunity is being provided through the Department of Special Mission Ministries of the Home Mission Board with sponsorship by Byhalia Church.

"Sunday Night Sounds For Children" Conference Series To Be Continued

Additional conferences in the Church Music Department's "Sunday Night Sounds for Children" series will be held next week in our state. On Tuesday evening, May 6, a team of approved workers will be at the Thirty-Eighth Avenue in Hattiesburg, and on Thursday evening, May 8, at the West Heights Baptist Church in Pontotoc.

Although these conferences offer many helps for both experienced and inexperienced choir leadership, they are designed to stress the fact that Sunday night music

for children involves much more than choir activities. All children's workers, preschool 4 and 5 through the sixth grades, are encouraged to attend either conference. The sessions begin at 6:30 p.m. and conclude at 9:00 p.m. Special interest groups will include "Helps Found in Your Hymnal," "Songs in Your Quarterlies," "Help! I Don't Even Play and Instrument!" and "Home-Made Teaching Helps." Churches are encouraged to bring enough workers to participate in every interest group.



Ogden Presents Car To Pastor

Ogden Church west of Bentonla recently gave their pastor a car. One of the deacons, Arden Sadler (right) is pictured giving the keys to the pastor, Rev. Charlie Cooper.

Promotion, Rates, Program Duties Shift For Centers

NASHVILLE (BP) — The responsibility for programing conferences, promoting attendance and recommending rates at Ridgecrest and Glorieta Baptist Conference Centers has been placed with the Sunday School Board's church services and materials division, according to Allen B. Comish, division director.

Authorized by the board's trustees, the shift in responsibility from each conference center to the division will become effective Oct. 1, 1975. The change will not affect the centers' operations this summer.

Comish said a new section to be established for conference center programing and promotion will be assigned to the division's church program services group which is supervised by James H. Daniel.

NASSAU, Bahamas — Plans for a Baptist Hall of Fame were begun recently at the 40th session of the Bahamas Baptist Missionary and Educational Convention. A written history of Baptists in the Bahamas is also planned. Baptist witness in the Bahamas began in 1790 when Prince Williams, a freed slave, arrived from St. Augustine, Fla., in an open boat, according to Miss Antonia Canzoneri, Southern Baptist missionary.

Mississippi Newsbriefs

Just For The Record

Friendship Honors Pastor

Friendship Church, McComb, honored their pastor, Rev. H. Glen Schilling, during Pastor Appreciation Week by having a surprise guest speaker to fill the pulpit for him at the morning worship hour on April 13. The guest speaker was Rev. R. Clifton Williams.

On April 16, the pastor and his wife were honored guests at a Covered Dish Supper in the Friendship Family Center and the pastor was presented a new spring suit and other gifts. Mr. Schilling has been pastor of the church for two and one-half years and during this time much growth has taken place.

Enon Homecoming

Enon Church, Walthall County, will have annual homecoming on May 4. Besides the regular morning worship services there will be a covered dish lunch and an afternoon program of singing. Rev. Riley L. Hinton is the pastor.

Society Hill Deacon Dies

Clifford Hemphill, a deacon at Society Hill Church, (Jeff Davis Assn.) died March 23.

He had been a deacon and faithful church member at Society Hill, (Rev. Tom McCurley, pastor) for the past ten years.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Clifford Hemphill of Oak Vale. He was 75.



\$1500 Check Given For Cemetery Care

Bethesda Church of Crawford has received from Miss Belva Triplett a check in the amount of \$1500. The money will be placed in a trust fund and the interest used by the church for perpetual care of the cemetery.

"Miss Belva is the oldest member of Bethesda and is loved, appreciated and respected by all," states a fellow member. "Her life is still a radiant testimony at 82."

She has set a precedent for others throughout her life by her faithful Christian giving. Bethesda has been made a beneficiary of her will but she stated, "I want to do something now!"

Shown receiving the check from Miss Triplett is Rev. J. D. Davis, pastor, and deacons from left to right: Halbert Cunningham, Hillman Gentry, Wayne Gentry, Ned Sherman, Merrill Gentry, Jimmy Oakley, and Bill Hayden.



Belden Church, Belden, received the Merit Award for Church Training April 6. Rev. Harold Anderson, Lee County associational missionary, presented the award to Miss Sarah Golding, Church Training director and Rev. Banks Hardy, pastor. Leaders of all three Children's Departments also received Merit Award. They are (back row) Children's I, Mrs. Billy Roper and Mrs. John Ed Pannell, Children's II, Mrs. J. L. Herring and Mrs. Marshall Clayton, Children's III, Mrs. Paul Estes.

Missionary Leads Musical Workshop

COBAN, Guatemala — The sound of 15 guitars, one bass violin and a piano filled the home of Southern Baptist missionary Wendell C. Parker.

The "jam session" was part of a two-day workshop led by Parker to teach time, rhythm and chords for hymns used in worship services. Twenty young Christians from six K'ekchi' Indian congregations came to the workshop, which was held at the request of one congregation's pastor.

A wide interest in guitars began after a K'ekchi' believer asked Parker to purchase a guitar for him to play in his church's services.

Since then, many more guitars have been bought in Guatemala City and resold without profit to Indian believers who live in isolated places.

Additional "jam sessions" have been scheduled.

Devonshire, Bermuda — Final work is being completed on an extensive long-range planning study for the First Baptist Church of Bermuda. Dr. W. L. Howse, employed by the Sunday School Board before his retirement, served as a consultant for the study. Missionary press representative Mary Lill Harris reports also that Ervin E. Hasty, Southern Baptist missionary to Panama, recently completed an outreach clinic for the church.



LEAVING THE FOREIGN MISSION BOARD — Jesse C. Fletcher and his wife, Dorothy, were presented a gift of appreciation on behalf of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. Fletcher, director of the board's mission

support division, is leaving after 15 years of service with the board. He will be pastor of First Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tenn. Baker J. Cauthen (left), executive secretary for the board, was among those honoring him. FMB photo by James E. Legg.

Off The Record

It was a miserable day and Miami controllers had planes stacked in holding patterns all the way to 15,000 feet. In the midst of the confusion was a tiny Cessna 150 who kept calling the controllers: "Hey, y'll what about me, up here at 9,000? When's my turn?"

The Cessna pilot griped every three minutes, only to be told each time, "Wait your turn, Cessna 14G. We're working on it."

When approach control finally called the Cessna with the good news, there was no response.

Fifteen minutes later, the Cessna again radioed: "Now?"

"Where have you been?" responded approach control.

"Waiting our turn," answered the 150, "but we had to go down for a minute and get some gas." — Don Drummond, Southern Wing

The sheik and his favorite wife, while touring recently in France, decided to send some gifts to three friends at home. Sauntering into an art gallery, they picked out a Van Gogh, a Rembrandt, and a Picasso. "That'll be \$1,600,000 in American money," the dealer told them. The purchaser paid in cash and turned to his companion, "Now that we've got the cards, let's go get the presents." — American Opinion.

Cloyd Gump and his wife, Bessie, came to town on Saturday and decided they would eat at the town's new landmark, the drive-in restaurant. One look at the menu, though, and Cloyd hopped up from the table, dragged Bessie out of the restaurant, shoved her into the truck, and drove off full speed toward the farm. "Cloyd, what'n blazes are you up to?" Bessie gasped as soon as she could speak.

"Did you see the price of the hamburger sandwich?" he asked, gritting his teeth and standing on the accelerator.

"Sure. A dollar eighty-nine. But what..."

"That means we got a \$48,000 cow standin' out in the south pasture without us there to guard'er!" — Nuggets.